

Chairman PATMAN. This morning our principal witness is Gov. Price Daniel, who was recently appointed by President Johnson as Director of the Office of Emergency Planning.

I want to take advantage of this opportunity to say a few words about Gov. Price Daniel. He has the most unusual record, I think, of any person in Texas. In fact, few people in the United States of America have the record of his public service, real good public service in the public interest.

He received his journalism degree at Baylor University in Texas, and an LL.B. degree at Baylor. He was a reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and also a reporter for the Waco News-Tribune.

He was in the private practice of law several years. He was a member of the Texas House of Representatives for 6 years, and the last 2 years he was speaker of the house in Texas.

He was attorney general of Texas for 6 years and U.S. Senator from Texas 4 years.

He was Governor of Texas, I believe, for 6 years—three 2-year terms.

He is a publisher of newspapers in four towns in Texas, and he was in the U.S. Army during World War II, from 1943 to 1946, and released from active duty as a captain. He served in the Pacific and in Japan. He is married to the former Jean Houston Baldwin. They have three sons, all very prominent young men in Texas, and one daughter, Mrs. David Murph of Lexington, Ky.

I know why you and Jean go to Kentucky so much. Your daughter is down there.

Well, Governor, we are glad to have you, sir.

The Office of Emergency Planning is assigned the principal overall responsibility for carrying out the authority contained in the Defense Production Act, as well as other emergency planning activities of the Federal Government.

The basic authorities found in the Defense Production Act are the establishment of a priorities and allocations program to see that essential production and related activities of vital defense materials and services are provided by industry; the operation of a program of financing; where necessary, productive capacity for producing needed defense materials and services; the carrying out of a program for stockpiling vital natural resources for use in a national emergency; and the development of an executive reserve made up of business, professional, labor, and other leaders to provide for the additional executive manpower to operate mobilization programs in an emergency.

I know that Governor Daniel will explain the need for extending the Defense Production Act and the importance of this act to our national security in his statement.

Governor Daniel, will you please proceed, in any way you wish?