

By that I gather you are in favor of continuing the Battle Monuments Commission?

Mr. FERRINO. The overall Federal national cemetery system that we advocate is for the need that is presently existing as to the availability of grave sites throughout the national limitations of the United States, within the continental limits, and we are proposing that this national cemetery system be under the umbrella of the Veterans' Administration and that all of these facilities, when enacted into law, will be under the jurisdiction of the VA. This is what we advocate.

Mr. SAYLOR. I would like to let you know that yesterday, after the completion of the meeting of this committee, those of us who have been interested in this problem since it has been before the Interior Committee, met with the chairman and discussed some of the problems, some of the possible solutions and you will be hearing from us very shortly, asking that you or some of your representatives appear before our special subcommittee of this committee to give us the benefit of your thinking in detail.

Again, as an old life member of the AMVETS, congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. DORN. Thank you, Mr. Saylor. I might say that I am pleased with my membership on my right. I hope it is never necessary, but I wouldn't hesitate to campaign for John Saylor.

Commander, we have been delighted to have you. You have presented some excellent testimony here for which we are grateful. We will see you this evening.

We have time to hear one more witness before the House meets.

We are very pleased to have with us this morning the National Commander of Veterans of World War I, Mr. Victor Miller. Commander, will you come forward?

STATEMENT OF VICTOR V. MILLER, NATIONAL COMMANDER, VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I OF THE U.S.A., INC., ACCOMPANIED BY WALDRON E. LEONARD, NATIONAL JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER, VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I OF THE U.S.A., INC.

Mr. LEONARD. Mr. Chairman, my name is Waldron E. Leonard, I am the junior national vice commander of the Veterans of World War I.

Mr. DORN. Let me say we are happy to have you.

Mr. LEONARD. I am the national junior vice commander of the Veterans of World War I. I am not going to take the time to read the biography of my national commander. I would like to submit that at a later date because I know the committee is rushed for time.

I will introduce my national commander, Victor V. Miller, who has a statement regarding our legislation. Thank you very much.

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Chairman, distinguished members of this committee, my name is Victor V. Miller, national commander of the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc., and my home is in Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the entire membership of the 3,500 barracks of Veterans of World War I located throughout this country, I wish to express our deep appreciation to you and each member of this distinguished committee for the opportunity and privilege to appear before you for the purpose of presenting certain legislative