

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. I believe very much in the two-party system. We have to have some Republicans and if we have to have them I am glad to have Mr. Teague of California.

Mr. Haley of Florida.

Mr. HALEY. I am Jim Haley of the Seventh Congressional District of Florida and I say to my good friend, Congressman Teague of California, that I agree with the chairman that if we must have Republicans—and I hope we don't have too many of them—we are glad to have Republicans like him.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Jim Haley is chairman of our Hospital Subcommittee and this year one of the main things our committee will do is to take a good hard look at our whole hospital system from the viewpoint of whether we are doing enough on renovation and kidney machines and that sort of thing in our hospitals.

Mr. Brown of California.

Mr. BROWN. I am George Brown of Los Angeles. I want to add my welcome to that of the other members of the committee. Having served the last 6 years on this committee, I have a very high regard for its chairman and members and I assure you I will be doing everything in my power to aid the veterans throughout the United States.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. George is chairman of our Education Subcommittee and he also has a lot of work to do this year.

Now, will the members of the staff stand and be recognized.

(The members of the staff so stood.)

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Now, Commander Sheirbon, we will be glad to hear from you.

STATEMENT OF WAYNE L. SHEIRBON, NATIONAL COMMANDER, DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Mr. SHEIRBON. Mr. Chairman, with your consent I should like first to introduce a few of the DAV and Auxiliary officers who are with us today.

Mr. TEAGUE of Texas. Commander, I am not sure the people in the back can hear you.

Mr. SHEIRBON. At this time I would like to present to you our national commander of the DAV Auxiliary, Mrs. Marie Waldman of the great State of Florida.

And our national adjutant, Denvel D. Adams.

And a gentleman who needs no introduction and whom I am sure you are all well acquainted with, our national director of legislation, Charles L. Huber.

Our national service director, John J. Keller.

The chairman of the DAV interim national legislative committee, Mr. Joe Adair of Oklahoma.

And his fellow committee members: John W. Bill of New Jersey; John R. Davis of Georgia; John E. Sloan of Montana; and George R. Kaye of Michigan.

And last, but by no means least, Mr. Chairman, I should like to introduce a gentleman who is well known to most of the members of this committee, our distinguished immediate past national commander, Mr. Francis J. Beaton of North Dakota.