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Statement by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey

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Commander-in-chief Hansen, ~~President Adams~~, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and your Auxiliary, honored guests:

I am deeply honored by the presentation of the Americanism award by this great organization of veterans who have served our country overseas. I am particularly honored to receive this award, because there is no group of men and women in America who are more passionately dedicated to the welfare of their country, nor more deeply concerned with the fostering and nurturing of the basic virtues that have made our country strong in time of peril -- patriotism, love of country, the spirit of self-sacrifice for the higher cause of the American people and the American nation.

Honored
by
this
American
Award

If I may, I would like to take this opportunity ~~time~~ ~~morning~~ to pay a particular tribute to the maturity of the leadership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Here is an organization of veterans strongly and effectively working for the welfare of veterans and their dependents. But here also is an organization which recognizes and carries out a broader role, which is the support of foreign and domestic policies which contribute to the basic strengthening of our nation -- which are designed to prevent future wars and to preserve the safety and security of America.

It has been my privilege during this past year to work with ~~the~~ tireless, imaginative and hard-driving leader of your organization, your distinguished Commander-in-Chief, Bob Hansen. We are

Bob Hansen

very proud of Bob Hansen, here in Minnesota. Bob has carried your banner high this past year, and brought honor and distinction to you all by the manner in which he has carried out the duties of his office. Your organization is even more respected, more listened to in the councils of ^{Government} ~~state~~ in Washington, than ever before.

Commander-in-chief Hansen's tireless work in behalf of the Loyalty Day resolution was one of his earlier triumphs in the legislative process. What he has done this year -- working with the President, with the leadership in the ^{Congress} ~~House and the Senate~~ -- for the disabled veteran and his family, has been tremendously significant.

And I want to predict here and now, Commander-in-chief Hansen, that the legislation you have made the heart of your legislative program this year -- the compensation bill to raise the level of monthly payments to disabled veterans -- is going to pass the Senate and be signed into law by the President of the United States.

Indeed, I can bring you the assurances of the Majority Leader of the Senate that the moment we have disposed of the pending business on the Communication Satellite bill, the compensation bill will be brought to the floor of the Senate for action.

We are going to pass that compensation bill. And we are going to pass it before we adjourn this fall.

In closing, may I express to all of you my gratitude for this singular honor you have seen fit to bestow on me. I shall treasure this award, and the opportunity you have given to me to work for our country with you -- side by side -- for the strengthening of our nation, for the welfare of our great people.



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