Veterans' Employment

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Title IV, Section 600 of Public Law Number 346, which is commonly referred to as the "G. I. Bill of Rights," created a Veterans' Placement Service Board composed of the Administrator of the Veterans' Administration, as chairman, the chairman of the National Selective Service System, and the chairman of the War Manpower Commission, or the head of whatever agency of government is charged with the administration of the United States Employment Service. Under this law the Board was empowered to co-operate with the United States Employment Service Veterans' Employment Service and to appoint an executive secretary, who upon appointment would become the Chief of the Veterans' Employment Service.

There was appointed an Executive Secretary, who became Chief of the Veterans' Employment Service and who in turn appointed a Veterans' Employment Representative in each of the several states in the Union. The United States Employment Service in co-operation with the Veterans' Employment Service has appointed a Veterans' Employment Representative in each of its local offices, who is, of course, administratively responsible to the United States Employment Service but functionally responsible to the Veterans' Employment Service.

Now the United States Employment Service has twenty-four local offices throughout the State of Indiana, and in each of these local offices is a Veterans' Division under the direction of the Veterans' Employment Representative in that office. This Division is primarily interested in employment for veterans. It is the aim and purpose of the Veterans' Employment Service to render full assistance to all veterans in the solution of their employment problems. In so doing, it becomes necessary to seek the co-operation of every employer or potential employer in every community in the State of Indiana and, because of this, I am here today to seek the co-operation and assistance of the Road Supervisors of Indiana in placing veterans in jobs wherever and whenever job openings occur. It is my notion that in each community there are now, and will be for sometime to come, a number of veterans available for employment. No doubt a large percentage of employment requirements in road construction and maintenance can be met this way. In many communities in the State of Indiana the only public
employment available is that which is in connection with the construc-
tion and maintenance of the highways, and I am sure that our veterans,
if given a chance, will render satisfactory service and be appreciative
of the opportunity of so doing. Accordingly, I seek the co-operation
and assistance of everyone present in helping the Veterans' Employment
Service adequately and sufficiently to perform its duties by employing
veterans wherever and whenever it is possible.

The local Veterans' Employment Representative in the office of the
United States Employment Service that serves your community is a
public employee whose salary is paid out of taxpayers' funds and
is himself a veteran. He will be glad to work with you and will wel-
come an opportunity to serve you in meeting your employment re-
quirements.

I wish to thank Purdue University, the members of its staff, and
particularly Major Petty for this opportunity of speaking to you here
today and hope that my message has been well received and that we
may become better acquainted as time goes on to the mutual benefit
of all concerned.