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Statement of Hon. Howard M. Metzenbaum, A U.S. Senator from Ohio

(82) Let us consider the argument that homosexuals in the military will adversely affect morale and unit cohesion... Is it limited to the emotional arguments we keep hearing from the troops that they do not want to serve with homosexuals? I think it is. 458

(83) **Senator Warner:** The issue of homosexuality has not reached a sufficient level of acceptance in American society for us as lawmakers to impose it as a matter of law on young men and women coming into the military of the United States... the transition from the quiet manner in which they perform their duties to an open advocacy of their sexual preferences is the difficulty that this Senator, and I think many others, have. 468

Statement of Hon. Frank H. Kerry, A U.S. Senator from Alaska

Statement of Hon. John F. Kerry, A U.S. Senator from Massachusetts

(84) What you are really talking about here ultimately, Mr. Chairman, quite simply is a policy of intolerance that either diminishes us or dishonors us. 478

(85) Some folks say they do not mind living or showering with someone who is gay as long as the fact is not explicit. Only once it becomes explicit, somehow the world is going to end. Now, I do not know exactly what those who express those kinds of fears are thinking. I mean, are they that irresistible? 480

(86) **Senator Kerry:** Everybody has a right to have a value system that abhors homosexuality. People also have a right to have a value system that abhors heterosexuality. The question is whether in the larger constitutional sense I talked about we will permit one group to discriminate against the other legally. That is the issue. 491

Statement of Hon. Barbara Boxer, A U.S. Senator from California

Statement of Hon. Conrad Burns, A U.S. Senator from Montana

(87) entered into the record: Homosexuals in the Military: Who Will Speak for the Armed Forces? Col. Allam H. Bloom. following passages are from this document:

(88) There were no religious and moral dimensions to the objections against acceptance of blacks, and objections were much less widespread... Restricting open homosexuals from service is far from groundless because it is the threat of discovery and certain discharge that keeps the real problem, overt homosexual behavior, in check. 502

(89) The introduction of open homosexuals into this environment cannot have any effect to unit cohesion other than disruption because of the general attitude. There may be fear and suspicion in prevalent heterosexual attitudes to homosexuality; the relevant point is simply that it exists. 503

Statement of Hon. Diane Feinstein, A U.S. Senator from California