

Protest, Mourners at Capitol

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As the war protesters saw it, thousands of Americans were at the Capitol yesterday mourning the death of one man while a handful of others were mourning the deaths of 48,000.

The protesters were referring to the steady stream of visitors flowing through the east entrances of the Capitol to view the casket of J. Edgar Hoover while a small group of antiwar activists and congressional aides huddled on the west steps of the building

reading the list of American servicemen killed in Vietnam.

The reading was part of a continuing 36-hour "emergency moratorium" program of antiwar actions that started at noon yesterday but was planned more than a week ago. It coincided unpredictably with the death of the FBI director on Tuesday.

"It's ironic but appropriate," said Mike Duberstein, an aide to dovish Rep. Ronald V. Dellums (D-Calif.), as he watched people coming from the Hoover casket in the rotunda and passing the group

reading the names of war dead on the west steps.

"... Eugene David Naficy ... Joseph Robert Nash ... Tony Valdez Nastore ..." read a young congressional worker from the thick Pentagon book of the dead.

People walked by staring at the group. There were tourists, school groups, giddy teen-agers, middle-America bleached blondes, dark-suited Justice Department officials.

"... Kenneth Lawrence Neal ... Alan Joseph Nelson JR. ... Boyd Jeffrey Nelson ... William DeWitt Nelson."