

Mr. BARRETT. Will the gentleman yield?

Doctor, on this point, are you including land and structures?

Dr. RINGER. That's an overall amount. It is a wooden frame building, modernistically designed.

Mr. BARRETT. Wooden frame?

Dr. RINGER. Yes.

Mr. HARVEY. But you have five doctors in that building?

Dr. RINGER. That's right.

Mr. HARVEY. I gather, Doctor, and maybe I should address this to Mr. HARRISON, although you are here today opposing the bill in its entirety, that you feel if this committee is to enact the bill, under any circumstances we should at least strike that provision dealing with these direct loans?

Mr. HARRISON. One other provision, Mr. Harvey. We seriously believe and strongly urge that the provision with respect to priorities also be stricken.

Mr. HARVEY. Those two provisions?

Mr. HARRISON. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARVEY. Thank you very much and we certainly appreciate hearing from you.

Once again, even though this is before a different committee, I sat on it last time and heard Dr. Appel, I think it is a fine thing that your organization would come in to give us your testimony.

I have no further questions.

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. Sullivan?

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My colleague has asked all the questions I wanted to ask.

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. Dwyer?

Mrs. DWYER. No questions.

Mr. BARRETT. We appreciate your coming and thank you for your statement this morning and the committee will certainly give it consideration along with the other testimony.

Dr. RINGER. Thank you.

Mr. HARRISON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for permitting us to be here.

Mr. BARRETT. Before we call the next witnesses I would like to put this in the record. I would like to insert a statement on H.R. 9256 from Mr. Kenneth Williamson, associate director, American Hospital Association.

(The letter referred to follows:)

AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION,
Washington, D.C., March 7, 1966.

HON. WRIGHT PATMAN,
Chairman, Housing Subcommittee of the Committee on Banking and Currency,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PATMAN: This statement is sent to you to express the views of the American Hospital Association in respect to H.R. 9256, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to provide mortgage insurance and authorize direct loans by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide financial assistance for constructing and equipping facilities for the group practice of medicine or dentistry. We wish to make clear that this association looks upon the group practice of medicine or dentistry as a desirable means of providing such service to the public. We do, however, have real concern with respect to certain of the provisions embodied in H.R. 9256.

The bill provides for the Federal Government to participate in financing the construction of group practice facilities operated as proprietary endeavors. In