

Senator NELSON. The subcommittee is pleased to welcome today Dr. Simenstad of Osceola, Wis., and Dr. Max Parrott of Portland, Oreg. Dr. Simenstad is a long-time friend of our family, comes from the best county in the State, Pork County, and the second best village in the State, Osceola.

We are very pleased to have you here today, Dr. Simenstad.

Senator Hatfield wished to present Dr. Parrott.

Senator HATFIELD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased this morning to present to the committee, Mr. Chairman, a very distinguished physician from the State of Oregon, a State which is known for its quality of medical practice, primarily based upon, obviously, the quality of educational experience of physicians who make up our medical community. But even beyond the outstanding record that Dr. Parrott has made within the field of professional medicine, he had equally distinguished himself in the field of public interest and public issues. When I was Governor of the State, we undertook to establish a medicare program under the Kerr-Mills legislation, becoming one of the first States to establish such a program. It was the very able assistance of the Oregon Medical Society and the leadership of Dr. Parrott which provided us with the expertise to develop a meaningful program under Kerr-Mills. So I would say at least in our State, the medical society had been intimately involved and deeply concerned with the programs of providing medical service for indigents and others in our society who could not otherwise acquire medical support.

Dr. Parrott received his basic medical education at the University of Oregon Medical School and studied further at the University of Michigan. He was during World War II in the auxiliary surgical hospital program. Then, like Teddy Roosevelt, who said every man owes some time in public life to the building of his profession, he served some time in the Oregon State Medical Society; was in the house of delegates to the AMA from 1960 to 1961; and played an active role in AMA legislative activities 1961-66. He was elected to the board of trustees of the American Medical Association in 1966, re-elected this year, 1969, by acclamation.

I am pleased to present to you and to the members of this committee an eminent physician and a longtime friend, Dr. Max Parrott.

Senator NELSON. We are pleased to have you with us today, Dr. Parrott.

Dr. Simenstad, I understand you will present the first part of the statement on behalf of the American Medical Association. Please proceed. If we have some questions as we go along, perhaps you will have no objection.