

On the other hand, however, we also face the problem of whether the creation of a separate National Eye Institute might impair the efficiency of the existing National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, which today has most of the authorities that would be transferred to the separate Eye Institute proposed to be created by the bills before the subcommittee.

The purpose of these hearings is to explore the question of whether changes in the organizational structure of the National Institutes of Health through the creation of a separate National Eye Institute will lead ultimately to an overall increase in the efficiency and effectiveness of the National Institutes of Health in dealing with the problems of neurological diseases, blindness, disorders of the eye, and disorders of the central nervous system.

No particular organizational structure of Government departments is sacrosanct; nor, is any organizational structure necessarily the best that can be devised.

This committee is concerned with the overall problems of involving public health in general. It will be our purpose in these hearings to explore the question of whether the gains which we are certain will arise through the creation of a National Eye Institute will offset the losses which might arise, as a result of the transfer of responsibilities proposed.

(Bills similar to H.R. 12843, introduced by Mr. Staggers, are as follows: H.R. 586, Friedel, Maryland; H.R. 908, Moss, California; H.R. 1013, Murphy of New York; H.R. 1197, Rooney of Pennsylvania; H.R. 1470, Young, Texas; H.R. 2001, Kornegay, North Carolina; H.R. 2104, Helstoski, New Jersey; H.R. 2347, Multer, New York; H.R. 3364, Hathaway, Maine; H.R. 3985, O'Neill of Massachusetts; H.R. 4331, Gilbert, New York; H.R. 4866, Fulton of Tennessee; H.R. 5040, Clark, Pennsylvania; H.R. 5052, Fallon, Maryland; H.R. 5082, Nix, Pennsylvania; H.R. 5145, Hanley, New York; H.R. 5153, Patten, New Jersey; H.R. 5165, Wilson of California; H.R. 5252, Corman, California; H.R. 5260, Eilberg, Pennsylvania; H.R. 5264, Howard, New Jersey; H.R. 5322, Edmondson, Oklahoma; H.R. 5421, Fulton of Pennsylvania; H.R. 5464, Murphy of Illinois; H.R. 5501, Tenzer, New York; H.R. 5792, Ronan, Illinois; H.R. 5927, McDade, Pennsylvania; H.R. 6116, Farbstein, New York; H.R. 6407, Walker, New Mexico; H.R. 6601, Green of Oregon; H.R. 7526, Carter, Kentucky; H.R. 8049, Brasco, New York; H.R. 8080, Whalley, Pennsylvania; H.R. 8346, Price of Texas; H.R. 9712, Cleveland, New Hampshire; H.R. 10780, Rogers of Florida; and H.R. 13440, Horton, New York.)

(The text of H.R. 12843, and departmental reports thereon, follow:)

[H.R. 12843, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Eye Institute in the National Institutes of Health

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C., ch. 6A, subch. III) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new part:

"PART F—NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

"ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

"SEC. 451. The Surgeon General is authorized, with the approval of the Secretary, to establish in the Public Health Service an institute for the conduct and