

This is where a separate National Eye Institute would prove to be most valuable. It would focus national attention on eye research, it would attract qualified personnel to the field, and it would enable the establishment of an intensive, long-range plan for eye research. What we need today is leadership in the field of eye research, and such leadership can only come through the establishment of a National Institute created for the specific purpose of studying blindness and visual defects.

I urge this subcommittee to give favorable consideration to this legislation.

Mr. JARMAN. Thank you, Mr. Murphy.

Our next witness will be the Honorable John Young, who has been very active in consideration of this subject.

It is good to have you with us.

**STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN YOUNG, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Mr. YOUNG. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I have no written statement. I am leaving that to the people who are much more familiar with the technical aspects of this problem and much more familiar with the problems that have occurred heretofore in the establishment of this Institute.

Mr. Chairman, I want to commend you and the subcommittee on the fine interest that you have shown in this matter. I think your fine representation here today plus the distinguished senior members of the full committee present shows a very deep, earnest concern for this problem.

I have come here eagerly to offer my support to our friends and colleagues, Chairman Staggers, Mr. Rooney, Mr. Friedel, and others, in this very very worthy cause.

I was glad to come over here and I do thank you for the opportunity. I am anxious to lend whatever support I can in my own committee which, as you know, is the Committee on Rules, and I will be most eager to help in any way I can to help in the passage of this legislation.

Mr. JARMAN. Thank you very much.

Mr. CARTER. I want to compliment the gentleman on his statement. Of course, I think it is particularly meaningful since I understand the distinguished gentleman has had some troubles with his eyes and he knows the problems.

I notice other distinguished people here today, some of whom seem to be in a spirit of levity, which I can't understand, particularly considering the rank they hold in our country today.

It seems to me they are regarding the bill we are considering too lightly and I can't understand why, when we consider such a problem as blindness, how they could laugh at that and I have seen that among some of the highest ranking members of our Government.

Thank you, Mr. Young.

Mr. YOUNG. I might say in response to the distinguished gentleman, Dr. Carter, that I am happy I was spared noticing that levity. I can assure all that it is not a laughing matter.

Mr. STAGGERS. Mr. Jarman, I just want to compliment the gentleman from Texas for his interest in this very important legislation. I