

President of the United States. (See Johnson, Hon. Lyndon B., President
of the United States.)
Public Law 89-286. (See Service Contract Act of 1965.)
Roberts, Hon. Ray----- 3809, 3811, 3843, 3849-3853
Robertson, Ben P. (See Labor, Department of: Wage and Hour and Public
Contracts Divisions.)
Satterfield, Hon. David E., III----- 3808,
3809, 3811, 3814, 3843, 3846, 3850, 3853, 3854

VA CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY NURSING HOMES

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

arisen with regard to Public Law 88-450 and Public Law 89-286.

By enactment of Public Law 88-450, which originated in this subcommittee, Congress created the veterans community nursing home program, which is used for veteran patients who have achieved maximum hospital benefits but who are in need of further medical attention. Six months' care is provided; however, there is a basis for extension. These homes are available in practically every community in America. The Veterans' Administration has contracts or agreements with 2,325 community nursing homes having approximately 170,000 beds in 48 States and Puerto Rico; \$25 million has been spent on this program so far. There are about 3,000 veteran patients under the program at the present time. The objective of the program was to take veterans out of expensive hospital beds and place them in nursing homes near their homes. The program has been an outstanding success. In most instances a typical nursing home will have only two or three patients under the VA program.

Earlier this year in a routine examination an agent of the Wage and Hour Public Contracts Division of the Department of Labor raised the question and his Department subsequently ruled that community nursing homes having contracts with the Veterans' Administration each day. Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Lubbock, Texas, is