

Dr. HABER. He would go into what we call a board-and-care home, where medical supervision is minimal. Such care is provided by many denominational homes and by VA domiciliary facilities.

STAFF DIRECTOR. How many domiciliary patients do you have?

Dr. HABER. 13,000.

STAFF DIRECTOR. What is the cost of care for those patients?

Dr. HABER. About \$6 a day.

STAFF DIRECTOR. How does this compare to the cost in a nursing home?

Dr. HABER. A little less than half.

STAFF DIRECTOR. Then you pay \$5 or \$6 a day for 13,000 veterans receiving custodial care and double that for higher quality medical care in nursing homes?

Dr. HABER. That is right.

STAFF DIRECTOR. And in the custodial homes or domiciliaries is it not true the patient has to be able to dress himself, go to meals, and

Mr. JUNCAN. No.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Satterfield?

Mr. SATTERFIELD. No.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Roberts?

Mr. ROBERTS. No.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Patterson?

COUNSEL. Mr. Stratton, I believe you stated that the first notice you had of this decision on the part of the Department of Labor came when you were advised of some activity in the State of Oklahoma?

Mr. STRATTON. Yes.

COUNSEL. Did the Department of Labor, any time prior to the present discussion, advise you that they had found officially that the Service Contract Act applied to this kind of contract?

Mr. STRATTON. Not within my knowledge.

COUNSEL. Thank you.

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Stratton, will you ask the Department of Labor to have a hearing on this right away and see if we can't resolve this situation? As you know, we vote on the tax bill tomorrow and money is pretty tight, and I think the sooner we get rid of this thing the better.