

WALKER, PRESIDENT; AND ALFRED S. ERCOLANO, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, AMERICAN NURSING HOME ASSOCIATION

Mr. PICKENS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have with me Mr. Ed Walker, the president of the American Nursing Home Association, who will bear the most of the burden of the testimony.

Mr. EVERETT. Where are you from, Mr. Walker?

Mr. WALKER. Miami, Okla.

Mr. PICKENS. And Mr. Alfred Ercolano, executive director of the association.

Before Mr. Walker testifies, I wish to say that I agree with these other gentlemen that this is an urgent problem. The American Nursing Home Association has contacted every State association in an attempt not to have them cancel their contracts; those that have canceled, of course, canceled before we were able to get to them, and we have asked them to hold off canceling for the next 30 days to see if we cannot get this situation resolved.

Mr. EVERETT. You have statements to file for the record?

Mr. PICKENS. I have correspondence.

Mr. EVERETT. You want to file that for the record?

~~Mr. PICKENS. Yes, I have, Inc. (Day St. Louis, Miss.) re VA patients~~
plus invoice for Medical & Hospital services and their dispute.

4. Letter from Mr. Cobb (Yukon, Okla.) covering investigation made by Dept. of Labor (Wage & Labor Div. of Okla.) re VA and the Act.

5. Congressman Steed's letter to Mr. Pickens about the letter he received from Ben Robertson (NLRB).

6. Mr. Driver's letter (Veterans Administration) to Mr. Pickens acknowledging receipt of April 26 letter.

7. Mr. Lundquist's letter acknowledging receipt of Congressman Steed's letter of April 25.

8. Letter to Mr. Lundquist from Congressman Steed (April 25).

9. Letter to Mr. Pickens from Mr. Lundquist (March 25).

10. Letter to Mr. Driver (Veterans Administration) from Mr. Pickens (Feb. 6).

11. Letter to Mr. Lundquist from Mr. Pickens (January 29, 1968).

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL

Memorandum.

Question and answer.

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WOODY'S SENIOR CITIZEN HOME,
Guthrie, Okla., June 12, 1968.

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DEAR SIR: Mr. Abbott of the Dept. of Labor visited my facility on January