

3846 VA CONTRACTS WITH COMMUNITY NURSING HOMES

A similar understanding of contracts principally for "services" as embracing contracts other than those for construction or supplies is reflected in the statement of President Johnson upon signing the act.

In determining whether or not any of the contract services will be that contracts for nursing home care, the principal purpose of which is to furnish services through the use of nurses' aides, orderlies, food service and custodial employees, clearly fall within the type of contracts covered under the Service Contract Act.

In the letters received by the Department of Labor, it is correctly stated that the Department does not assert coverage with respect to contracts for hospital care. This position is based upon a specific statement on page 3 of House Report 948 accompanying H.R. 10238 pertaining to contracts with local hospitals for the care of indigent patients.

Mr. EVERETT. Why don't they change the name from "nursing homes" to "hospitals"?

Mr. ROBERTSON. This is the next point I would like to cover, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. Is this your statement or are you reading from somebody else's prepared statement?

Mr. ROBERTSON. No, sir; this is my statement. I prepared it.

Mr. SATTERFIELD. I understand you did not have a prepared statement. That is why I asked the question.

Mr. ROBERTSON. It was not prepared in form to submit to the committee. It is out and nasted.
House debate: "The bill is applicable to advertised or negotiated contracts."

Mr. O'Hara, who presented the legislation:

The bill is applicable to advertised or negotiated contracts in excess of \$2,500, the principal purpose of which is for the furnishing of services through the use of service employees, as defined in the bill. Thus, for example, contracts made by the District of Columbia government with local hospitals for the care