

Maybe we have to have extensive hearings and an extensive record to prove that is disruptive so the Secretary can act, but it seems to me that it almost speaks for itself and stands on its own bottom.

In this connection, Mr. Teague will not be here but he asked me to be sure certain letters were made part of the record, and Mr. Chairman, the correspondence I refer to was, I believe, inserted in the record with other material relative to the legislative history of Public Law 89-286.

Mr. EVERETT. Yes.

STAFF DIRECTOR. One brief comment. We have been trying for some time to get these letters in the record and express his disappointment about that sort of handling of his correspondence.

(Letters and other information referred to appear on pages 3799 through 3805.)

Mr. EVERETT. Mr. Robertson, do you realize that you are fixing to have all of these veterans out of these nursing homes? Word will get around to all these nursing homes about this medicare. If you put

COUNSEL. The Service Contract Act was signed and made public law on October 22, 1965, with the provision that it would be effective 90 days thereafter as far as contracts are concerned.

As of this date have you told the various community nursing homes around the country, as a general proposition, by notice from your office, that they are covered?

Mr. ROBERTSON. Not directly. We wrote Mr. Pickens, general counsel for the association.

COUNSEL. You have not taken any action on your own responsibility to indicate to the individual nursing homes that they are covered?

Mr. ROBERTSON. No, sir.

COUNSEL. And if a community nursing home were not a member of the American Nursing Home Association it would have no official notice?

Mr. ROBERTSON. That is correct.

COUNSEL. With regard to the application of this act?

Mr. ROBERTSON. That is right.

COUNSEL. Do you plan to continue to proceed this way?

Mr. ROBERTSON. I would believe that we have no choice, sir. We