

because of the modifications that were made in the program by the Congress and the manner in which the program has been administered to date.

As I understand the bill presented to us, no major changes are proposed. The principal purpose of the legislation is to extend the program beyond its scheduled expiration date of June 30 this year, with minor improvements that experience has shown to be necessary or desirable.

In regard to the section on domestic agricultural migratory workers, the bill also proposes to extend for two additional years the existing program of Federal grants for health services to domestic agricultural migratory workers.

The existing program is also scheduled to expire June 30 this year, so extension is essential at this time if these workers, who are among the neediest today, are to continue to receive the services they need.

ALCOHOLIC AND NARCOTICS ADDICTS

Title II of this bill would establish a program designed to provide assistance in the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholic and narcotic addicts. The program proposed is an extension of the principles already embodied in the community mental health centers and mental retardation facilities acts approved by this committee in 1963. The bill provides matching grants for construction and operation of facilities which are part of a complex providing essential elements of comprehensive mental health services in order to provide services for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism.

Grants are also authorized for construction and operation of special residential and other facilities for treatment of homeless alcoholics; grants for construction and operation of facilities for prevention and treatment of narcotic addiction; and grants for training and evaluation relating to the prevention and treatment of narcotic addiction.

There are a substantial number of witnesses who have requested the opportunity to be heard on this legislation, which is indicative of the broad public response to the needs which will be served by the enactment of this bill.

We hope to be able to expedite these hearings in order that the legislation may reach the President's desk at the earliest possible date in view of the relatively brief time remaining before two of the programs contained in the bill are scheduled to expire.

The bill under consideration, and agency reports on the bill, will be included in the record at this point.

(The bill, H.R. 15758, and departmental reports thereon, follow :)

[H.R. 15758, 90th Cong., second sess.]

A BILL To amend the Public Health Service Act so as to extend and improve the provisions relating to regional medical programs, to extend the authorization of grants for health of migratory agricultural workers, to provide for specialized facilities for alcoholics and narcotic addicts, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

EXTENSION OF REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS

SEC. 101. Section 901(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299a) is amended by striking out "and" before "\$200,000,000" and by inserting after