

First, I want to say I appreciate the fact that you are interested in Kansas. I hope we can get some money to keep this show on the road.

How much money was authorized, Doctor, for these regional medical programs in 1966?

Dr. MARSTON. The authorization was \$50 million.

Mr. SKUBITZ. How much was appropriated?

Dr. MARSTON. \$25 million, including \$24 million for grants—\$25 million total.

Mr. SKUBITZ. In 1967, how much was authorized?

Dr. MARSTON. The authorization was \$90 million. The appropriation was \$43 million for grants and \$2 million for direct operations.

Mr. SKUBITZ. You have a total of how much?

Dr. MARSTON. \$45 million was appropriated for 1967, \$25 million appropriated for 1966, so that would be a total of \$70 million.

Mr. SKUBITZ. In 1968, how much was authorized?

Dr. MARSTON. \$200 million. We have received \$53.9 million in appropriations for grants and \$4,900,000 for direct operations, for a total of \$58.8 million.

Mr. SKUBITZ. Out of this total amount of appropriations, how much do you have available to you now?

Dr. MARSTON. \$53.8 million—including \$4.9 million for direct operations. This total is comprised of \$27.9 million of our 1968 appropriation—\$30.9 million was put in reserve—plus \$25.9 million in carry-over funds.

Mr. SKUBITZ. The thing that bothers me, Doctor, is that you come here with an excellent program. It looks fine on paper. But, unless this Congress gives you money we accomplish nothing. So far as I am concerned, I want to be as helpful as I can to assist you in this important work.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. LEE. I would like to make an additional comment on that, Mr. Chairman.

As the program has developed, of course, with the evolution of the planning, the authorizations were well above those required, and as we move into the operational phase, we feel that, of course, significantly more funds will be required with the operating programs. Planning is one thing, but operating programs is quite another.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Chairman, would the gentleman yield?

Just how has this money been spent, Doctor, most of it?

Dr. LEE. The money, primarily, goes, of course, for the hiring of staff and for the activities of the staff, in some cases for the purchase of equipment, the development of coronary care unit, or for long-distance transmission of cardiograms, which is being tested on an experimental basis.

This kind of thing, staff and equipment, which would be related to the educational efforts—

Mr. CARTER. Do you have a central place in each region, to which place cardiograms may be transmitted by phone?

Dr. LEE. Not in each region. I think that the experimental program is going on in Missouri.