

REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS; ALCOHOLICS AND NARCOTICS ADDICTS FACILITIES; HEALTH SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL MIGRATORY WORKERS

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE,
COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to notice, in room 2322, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Paul G. Rogers presiding (Hon. John Jarman, chairman).

Mr. ROGERS. The committee will be in order, please.

We will continue hearings on H.R. 15758, introduced by the chairman, Congressman Staggers of West Virginia, and our first witness today is the Honorable Richard Daley, mayor of Chicago, who cannot be with us, but whose statement will be read by Miss Phyllis Snyder, who is the executive director of Chicago's Alcoholic Treatment Center.

We are delighted to have you with us Miss Snyder, and we will be pleased to have you read the mayor's statement.

STATEMENT OF HON. RICHARD J. DALEY, MAYOR, CHICAGO, ILL., PRESENTED BY PHYLLIS K. SNYDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MAYOR'S COMMISSION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF PERSONS AND CHICAGO'S ALCOHOLIC TREATMENT CENTER

Miss SNYDER. "Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I welcome this opportunity to add my support, on behalf of the city of Chicago, for passage of title III, part A, of H.R. 15758, known as the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Act of 1968.

"We in Chicago have long recognized the need for an adequate program of alcoholism care and control. We are very proud of the fine work being done at Chicago's Alcoholic Treatment Center, a municipally supported facility providing inpatient care for 72 males and outpatient services to men and women. This facility has been operating since 1957.

"My commission on rehabilitation, comprised of 22 very able, dedicated, and knowledgeable citizens, has been studying the city's alcoholic problems and the needs to combat these problems since 1955. Our treatment center is a direct result of their recommendations.

"The studies of this commission have confirmed that it is not within our fiscal power to implement the kind of comprehensive program which is so necessary. Inasmuch as Chicago and Cook County have an estimated 250,000 alcoholics, more than one-half of the total alcoholics