

assuring complete coordination of all activities in the area of health in the Georgia region, and the purposes of Public Law 89-239 are being achieved.

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, for this opportunity.

Mr. ROGERS. Thank you for an excellent statement.

I notice that you say 87 hospital representatives were present at your last meeting out of what? Some 178?

Dr. CHAMBERS. Potentially 178. Of that number 121 have already set up the local advisory groups. The ones who have not are primarily the extremely small hospitals, Mr. Chairman, maybe as few as 15 to 20 beds.

Mr. ROGERS. But you feel the major hospitals in the State have?

Dr. CHAMBERS. We have 90 percent of the beds covered.

Mr. ROGERS. Even though they don't attend the meeting, they have signed up for this?

Dr. CHAMBERS. Yes. These same ones are not the ones who were at previous meetings, necessarily, but this percentage is a pretty good attendance, for a region our size.

Mr. ROGERS. Is the region too large?

Dr. CHAMBERS. No, we do not think so. We are beginning to get sub-regionalization now. This is what we hope to accomplish.

Mr. ROGERS. How long have you actually had the region formed?

Dr. CHAMBERS. Our program, Mr. Chairman, actually began January 1, 1967, so we are only about 15 months old.

Mr. ROGERS. You present a very encouraging picture.

Dr. CHAMBERS. We feel we have accomplished a lot in 15 months, sir.

If the committee would be interested, sir, I would be glad to leave a copy of the operating rules and regulations of our programs.

Mr. ROGERS. I would like very much to have that for the committee files.

Thank you very much, Dr. Chambers.

Our next witness will be Thomas Carpenter, president of the National Council of Alcoholism, Inc., New York.

#### **STATEMENT OF THOMAS P. CARPENTER, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM, INC.; ACCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM MOORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. CARPENTER. I have with me Mr. William Moore. He comes to us after a distinguished executive career with the Heart Association.

I know the previous testimony has covered many aspects of the problem. We have a brief statement identifying ourselves and our particular interests.

Mr. ROGERS. You may proceed.

Mr. CARPENTER. The National Council on Alcoholism is the voluntary health agency concerned with alcoholism. It has 82 affiliates serving the major cities, plus 11 group members in smaller communities throughout the United States. Each affiliate has a volunteer board of directors and a citizen constituency. These boards, like the national board of directors, are representatives of the legal, medical, educational, civic, religious, business, and industrial interests which are concerned with the disease of alcoholism.