

Section 3(b) directs the Secretary to establish criteria for the order of approval of applications which shall be the same criteria as that developed by the District of Columbia "State agency" pursuant to a plan approved under the Medical Facilities Act.

Section 3(c) provides that applications for grants under the bill may be approved only if they comply with the terms and conditions for applications under the Medical Facilities Act, other than the availability of sufficient funds in the District allotment.

Section 3(d) provides that applications for grants under the bill may not be approved unless the area-wide planning body has an opportunity to review it and that body's recommendations have been considered by the District "State agency" and submitted to the Secretary in connection with the application.

Section 4(a) provides that payments shall be made in the manner provided under the Medical Facilities Acts subject to reasonable conditions imposed by the Secretary and section 4(b) specifies that total payments, together with payments under the Medical Facilities Acts, may not exceed—

- (1) 66% percent of the cost of a long-term-care facility including extended care facilities, a diagnostic or treatment center, or a rehabilitation facility; or
- (2) 50 percent of the cost of any other project.

Section 5 provides that conditions for recovery of payments shall be the same as under the Medical Facilities Acts.

Section 6 provides that the meaning of terms used in the bill shall be the same as under the Medical Facilities Acts.

Mr. SISK. In connection with the District Government's position on these bills, without objection a letter dated February 15, 1967, signed by the then President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, Hon. Walter N. Tobriner, will be made a part of the record; and also a later letter, dated May 31, 1968, signed by Thomas W. Fletcher, Assistant to Commissioner Washington, will be made a part of the record.

(The letters referred to follow:)

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Washington, February 15, 1967.

The Honorable The SPEAKER,
United States House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have the honor to submit herewith a draft bill "To authorize project grants for construction and modernization of hospitals and other medical facilities in the District of Columbia."¹

The first section of the bill gives it the title "District of Columbia Medical Facilities Construction Act of 1967".

Section 2 authorizes appropriations for fiscal years ending June 30, 1967, 1968, 1969, and 1970 for the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (hereinafter "Secretary") to make grants to assist in the modernization of public or private nonprofit general hospitals and the construction or modernization of public health centers, long-term care facilities, diagnostic or treatment centers, rehabilitation facilities, facilities for the mentally retarded, and community mental health centers.

Section 3(a) provides that the Secretary may approve grant applications only if an application has been filed under the Medical Facilities Acts (title VI of the Public Health Service Act [Hill-Burton Act] or title II or part C of title I of the Mental Retardation Facilities and Community Mental Health Centers Construction Act of 1963), and such application either has been approved under the Medical Facilities Acts and the application is for additional funds, or it would have been approved under these Acts except that sufficient funds from District allotments are not available to permit approval.

Availability of funds under this bill is required to be considered in connection with the possible approval of applications under the Medical Facilities Act.

¹ Introduced as H.R. 6526 by Chairman McMillan (by request).