

Perhaps my terminology is not correct, Dr. Graning. When I say intermediate care I refer to the long-range care, extended care, or what we call nursing home care at times.

Dr. GRANING. With that interpretation of your meaning of "intermediate care" the bill does provide for the construction of such beds, yes, sir.

Mr. SISK. Thank you. I wanted it clear for the record.

Mr. HANNAN. We are agreed, then, sir.

This completes our statement, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SISK. Do you support the additional \$4 million-plus in the proposed amendment to this legislation?

Mr. HANNAN. Absolutely. We, too, feel this is a low figure.

Mr. SISK. Thank you, Mr. Hannan.

The gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Whitener.

NON-RESIDENT PATIENTS

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Hannan, as I understand your testimony, two-thirds of the patient load in the District of Columbia hospitals comes from outside the District of Columbia. Is that correct?

Mr. HANNAN. Our survey shows that.

Mr. WHITENER. Has there been any program for additional fees to a non-resident in any of these hospitals?

Mr. HANNAN. First of all, the majority of those people who come in are ordinary paying patients so that they are treated like everybody else. This is the great majority of them.

Mr. WHITENER. Is there any additional charge made for a non-resident for hospital service in the District of Columbia?

Mr. HANNAN. No, sir.

Mr. WHITENER. We have had other hearings here which indicate that a great many of the physicians and surgeons maintain their offices in the District of Columbia as a matter of convenience but maintain their residences in the suburban areas, and patients are directed to Washington hospitals by physicians and surgeons in many cases because of the convenience of the particular hospital in the pattern of practice of that physician or surgeon without regard to the residence of the patient or physician.

As I interpret your statement you are asking that the taxpayers of North Carolina and California be asked to supply funds for the people of Maryland and Virginia which are not available to people in North Carolina or California. Is that what you are asking?

Mr. HANNAN. First of all, any of these funds come from all over the country, and it could be from anywhere.

Specifically, however, these patients come because they have available to them the medical services that that particular hospital and that particular doctor furnishes.

Mr. WHITENER. That the doctor prefers them to have.

Mr. HANNAN. Prefers medically.

Mr. WHITENER. The same medical facility may be available in Virginia, near the residence of the patient, but the patient does not make the decision to come to the hospital in the District. The surgeon makes that decision because it best accommodates the physician or surgeon. Is that so?