

Mr. HANNAN. Frankly our surveys do not encompass this point. I am not qualified to answer that.

Generally speaking, however, it is because the particular suburban hospital didn't have the facility that this patient was required and this doctor thought he could be best taken care of in the District. All of this stems from the nature of Washington.

As Dr. Grant said, we have no large corporations here. We have a completely governmental employee makeup both in Washington and in Metropolitan Washington.

These people we are talking about are all the same. Indeed, when you speak of the Virginia hospitals and Maryland hospitals, we are talking here of the metropolitan hospitals.

Mr. WHITENER. What I am talking about is what the taxpayer in North Carolina who has no connection whatever with the Washington metropolitan area is called upon to do for the metropolitan area here that which the government will not do for the sick people in North Carolina.

Mr. HANNAN. Because they are not the Federally oriented people that the metropolitan area of Washington is, whether they are inside the District or out.

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Mr. WHITENER. The record shows that in the District of Columbia and in its metropolitan area you have the highest per capita income. I have counties in my district which do not have medical facilities. What you gentlemen are asking is that the resident of one of my counties, which has the second lowest per capita income of any county in North Carolina, pay taxes to help the high income population of the District of Columbia and the metropolitan area here to get something which is not available to that taxpayer in his own State.

Mr. HANNAN. Hill-Burton funds are available to your people, too, aren't they?

Mr. WHITENER. They are available, but there are not enough Hill-Burton funds to meet the needs. For your information the people of my county, who are 80 percent textile workers, have just voted a \$10 million bond issue to build a hospital in my home county. Why are they not entitled to a little bit of help in addition to Hill-Burton?

Mr. HANNAN. The point is this: We may have the highest average income, but I assure you we have the highest mobility of any population. These people have their roots in your place and not our place. These people feel they have their roots there and do not contribute for capital things in Washington because they do not consider Washington their home.

They may have lived here for twenty years but it is not their home. They still vote in your county and not here.

Mr. WHITENER. That is not an accurate statement. We have testimony here from the District Government asking us to relieve those people you are talking about from paying any taxes on certain things which you and I would pay taxes for. If this is so distasteful that you have a mobility of population then the District Government is taking an inconsistent position when they testify on the revenue bill and when they testify on the hospital bill.