

Government. The District of Columbia services the people of North Carolina; it serves Mr. Gude's State of Maryland; and it serves my own State of Pennsylvania. So that would be my basic answer to him.

The responsibility of putting up these facilities requires the availability of loans in order for all of us to start our projects that are ready to go. Other States, other communities, provide these funds from either local grants from the State of North Carolina or from his own county, or from interest rate subsidized loans of State funds, and this precisely is our request here. We ask the District of Columbia to recognize the unique position that Washington is to the entire country and make available to us loans that will be provided in legislation at a later date for the entire country, and the same principle on which these loan dollars would be available would be mainly there is a need of our local government, which in a sense really is our Federal Government, to supply this need for us to go on with the job we have at hand.

Thank you.

Mr. SISK. Thank you, Father Collins, for your statement. As I understand, according to this memorandum I have here showing the various needs within the Washington, D.C. area for the various hospitals, Georgetown University Hospital proposes to add 140 beds to its present facilities. These would be GM&S beds rather than long-term extended care beds.

Mr. Bucher, do the amendments you propose now qualify these for such funds as would be involved?

Mr. BUCHER. No, they do not. The total cost of construction at Georgetown University Hospital amounts to \$27 million. Out of the current legislation, either Hill-Burton or Hill-Harris and H.R. 6526, there is a total of about \$6,300,000.

Mr. SISK. What portion of that \$6.3 million would come as a part of the grant under this proposed legislation? What I am considering here is the interpretation of the uses of these funds as indicated by Dr. Graning awhile ago. I am trying to clarify for my personal knowledge exactly what the status would be, because it is not my understanding that as to this proposal for Georgetown—and the same would be true of George Washington University—they would qualify for these funds without amendment to the pending legislation.

Mr. BUCHER. Mr. Chairman, there is no provision in this legislation that would permit construction of brand new additional general acute hospital beds. All the funds you see here, including some of the statistics you see here, may include them because they are part of the over-all project of construction, but they are not included in the dollar grant provisions. In other words, we have set forth the authorization for Georgetown, that they plan to add 140 general beds. We have set forth that part of the total cost of these 140 beds is in the \$27 million, but the participation in both pieces of legislation we are speaking to will not provide matching funds for the 140 beds. It is purposely set forth this way to give us the illustration that these hospitals are not limited.

Mr. SISK. I understand that, but to get back to what will be done with the \$40 million-plus that we make available, if we do make it available under this legislation, I wanted to have a clear understanding in my own mind as to what that portion of that would go to