

shortages in many areas. These training plans will be greatly expanded in our new facilities.

The proposed legislation (HR 6526) and (S 1228) would significantly encourage the construction of much needed, low operating cost extended hospital care program for children in this area and I heartily endorse your favorable consideration.

Mr. SISK. I am sure there are questions we could ask of you gentlemen.

Mr. Gude, do you have a question?

Mr. GUDE. No, sir.

Mr. SISK. I am sorry we had to rush this portion, but I am anxious to get these hearings completed. Your complete statements are in the record, and the Committee can take a look at them.

I have great sympathy for the problems you have, and I am hopeful that from all this we can develop something that will be of benefit to the community.

I appreciate all of you gentlemen joining together and giving us the expression of your views.

I know of the concern Children's Hospital has and I am inclined to be sympathetic to giving you some flexibility.

Thank you, gentlemen.

The record will be kept open for one week that we may include various material requested, and any other matters received for the record.

Also, there will be included in the record at this point certain correspondence sent to Chairman McMillan in support of this proposed legislation.

(The matters referred to follow:)

HEALTH FACILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL,
FOR METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C.
Washington, D.C., May 16, 1967.

HON. JOHN McMILLAN,
*Chairman, District of Columbia Committee,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Health Facilities Planning Council for Metropolitan Washington wishes to make known to your committee its great interest in H.R. 6526, a bill "To authorize project grants for construction and modernization of hospitals and other medical facilities in the District of Columbia."

This proposal is identical in substance with H.R. 15070 in the 89th Congress. The Senate District Committee held hearings last year on the companion bill, S. 2622. By letter of January 8, 1966 and again in an oral statement at the hearings, the Planning Council strongly supported this urgently needed measure.

As did its predecessor, H.R. 6526 embodies the Administration proposals for supplemental aid for modernization of hospitals, and for modernization and construction of other types of health facilities in the District of Columbia. To qualify for such supplemental aid, projects would have to be approvable under construction aid programs—the Hill-Burton program, or the Mental Retardation Facilities of the Mental Health Centers Construction programs. Supplemental aid would be conditioned upon such approval or the denial of approval upon the sole ground of insufficient funds under the District's allotments under those programs.

The proposed legislation grew out of growing concern for the pattern of special aids for individual hospital construction projects in the District—under the Washington Hospital Center Act of 1946 and later extensions and amendments of that Act. This pattern arose because the ability of District sponsors to raise