

III. Construction and Fund Requirements

A. Individual Institutions

B. Summary

IV. Similar Programs in Certain States Compared to the District of Columbia for fiscal 1966 and 1967

A. Specific State Funds

Fed. Grants-----	\$149,000,000
Public Grants-----	130,600,000
Public Bonds-----	533,600,000

B. District of Columbia

Fed. Grants-----	\$882,000
Public Grants-----	0
Public Bonds-----	0

V. Status of Legislation

HR 6525 Comparison to the Companion Bill, S 1228 passed by the Senate

VI. Specific Questions about HR 6526

I. LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY OF HR 6526

Heard Monday, June 17, 1968, by Congressman B. F. Sisk, Chairman, and members of the House District Subcommittee #5.

PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To authorize project grants and loans for construction and modernization of hospitals and other medical center facilities in the District of Columbia, to correct an eight year backlog of demand caused by Federal legislative inequities in the Federal Health Facilities Acts as they apply to the District of Columbia, and to provide a program to meet these needs in the most effective, economical manner.

NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Grant Need: 1968 and subsequent annual Federal Legislation for construction of such facilities in the District of Columbia amounts to \$441,619 which is to be compared to a demonstrated researched need of \$40,052,000 of grants-in-aid. Prior legislation (Washington Hospital Center Act) sets specific precedent for special assistance to the District of Columbia and such grant-in-aid programs.

Loans Need—Matching Requirements: The demonstrated inability of private local resources to provide the necessary matching requirements because of the lack of area industry and the transient nature of Washington area population requires the majority of the matching funds to be borrowed in order that this backlog program may start within a reasonable time.

The current high interest rates make it infeasible to borrow money on private market without raising hospital charges to an unreasonably high rate.

Therefore, the matching requirement of \$40,575,000 is to be supplied by long term, low rate Federal borrowing as a method comparable to that offered by other states, counties, and cities by their bonds and loan programs and also comparable to other Federal programs in education and housing.