

Section 302.—This section would extend the above described provisions for 4 years (through fiscal year 1973). It would also raise the per diem limit for members of the expert advisory committee to \$100 from the current limit of \$50 to conform with the statutory authorization for compensation for members of other health manpower councils. This expert advisory committee, composed of persons representative of the principal health specialties in the field of public health administration and training, advises the Secretary on both the above programs.

TITLE IV—HEALTH RESEARCH FACILITIES

Under present law, project grants may be made for the construction of facilities for research, or research and related purposes, in the sciences related to health. Grants may be made to public or nonprofit institutions determined by the Surgeon General to be competent to engage in the type of research for which the facility is to be constructed.

Section 401.—This would extend the program for 4 years through fiscal year 1973, authorizing "such sums as may be necessary."

Section 402.—This would allow construction grants of up to 66⅔ percent for a class or classes of projects determined by the Secretary to have special national or regional significance. Not more than 25 percent of the moneys appropriated could be made available for these projects. This modifies the existing provision of the law which provides that the Federal share in the construction of health research facilities may not exceed 50 percent.

An appropriate analogy to this proposal was the special grant program to construct research centers investigating mental retardation causes and cures. Mental retardation is clearly a national problem, not restricted to a particular area of the Nation. Program needs projected a limited number of research centers distributed throughout the Nation. Given pressing local health priorities, no single university or medical school could reasonably be expected to take on the task of establishing mental retardation research centers without increased Federal sharing in the cost. A richer sharing was provided by law (75 percent) and the centers were planned, funded, and are now under construction. The special construction authority has been allowed to elapse.

The authority proposed in this section would remove the need for a series of individual, categorical authorities for such construction and allow the Department to respond to situations and problems as they arise.

Section 403.—This would raise the maximum per diem for members of the National Advisory Council on Health Research Facilities from \$50 to \$100 to conform with the statutory compensation for other Public Health Service advisory councils.

As indicated earlier in this document, the bill would authorize a school to make an application to the health professions educational assistance construction program if the project is for the construction of facilities which are to a substantial extent for teaching purposes but also for health research purposes or medical library purposes.