

In all cases the facilities and equipment have contributed significantly to the astonishing expansion of our knowledge about disease and disability and what can be done about them.

But this is a growing program. So long as the quest for new knowledge in the health sciences continues to challenge the country's best minds there will be a continuing need for expansion of research facilities.

So long as technological progress offers new research opportunities and new avenues of exploration, we will need to modernize, expand, and remodel existing research facilities.

We are recommending an amendment which would authorize a Federal share of up to 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent for the construction of facilities of special regional or national significance. Not more than 25 percent of the funds appropriated in any fiscal year could be used for this purpose.

The health research facilities construction program expires June 30, 1969. We ask you to extend it for another 4 years—until June 30, 1973—so that the momentum gained over the past decade will not be lost.

Mr. Chairman, I have given you only a brief description of the most significant provisions in this legislation. Such a statement can hardly convey the urgent need for early enactment of this legislation and continuing support of these programs. Nor can I, in this limited time, fully describe the impact H.R. 15757 will have on the educational opportunities for thousands of Americans and the health of all our citizens.

I and my associates will be happy to answer your questions and add whatever we can to the committee's understanding of this bill.

Thank you.

Mr. JARMAN. Thank you, Dr. Lee. I think it is an excellent presentation—succinct, and containing exactly the kind of information that we need to have as we begin hearings on this tremendously important bill. The committee is well aware of the need for support of the general objectives of the bill, and is conscious of how much has been achieved in a short period of time in these programs.

One thing I will ask at the beginning of the questioning is this. All of the authorizations in the bill are open ended. Are you in a position to give us cost estimates?

Dr. LEE. Yes, sir, and I will submit that for the record at this time, if you wish, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JARMAN. All right.