

the medical profession and to the public our determination in Congress to start a critical evaluation of Federal medical research programs.

In addition to this amendment, I would like to urge this committee to support completely the President's request for the extension and expansion of programs to aid our medical schools. Unless the "have-not" medical schools, and particularly the poorer dozen schools in this country, get vital financial aid in the very near future, we face the possibility of medical schools closing precisely when we most need their production of doctors.

When it costs \$40 to \$50 million to start a new medical school—and we will have to pay these sums for a substantial number of new schools if we want to raise our medical standards—it would be inexcusable to allow 10 or 12 schools to close down for lack of operating subsidies.

The Federal Government's medical research programs are, I believe, largely responsible for the financial problems of some of these "have not" schools. We have led them to the brink of financial disaster. We must support them now if they are to support our efforts in the coming years to improve medical care by supplying more and better trained doctors and allied health personnel.

Mr. JARMAN. Thank you very much.

Mr. NELSEN. No question, but thank you for the very fine statement.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Thank you.

Mr. JARMAN. We have listed as a final witness for today's session Dr. Doris Ross, of the American Society of Medical Technologists.

Dr. Ross, the House has gone into session. We would appreciate it if you would submit your statement for the record and then give us extemporaneously some of the highlights of what you recommend to the committee.

STATEMENT OF DR. DORIS LAUNE ROSS, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MEDICAL TECHNOLOGISTS

Dr. Ross. I will be glad to give the statement. I will be brief.

We support this bill. We don't think it is the answer to our problems, all of them, but we do support it.

We would like to mention some things we hope will be considered when this act is reviewed. We hope when it is reviewed that consideration will be given to undergraduate loans with cancellation clauses, which has already been discussed, more scholarship funds for undergraduate students, and more money for graduate students to help encourage medical technologists to take part in this education.

We would hope we could fund programs for teachers in medical technology to train the people we need in this field.

Thank you again for allowing me this opportunity, and if there is any information you need from me later, I will be glad to give it to you.

(Dr. Ross' prepared statement follows:)