

D.C. General Hospital to close one of its three children's wards." (*Washington Post*, 5/29/67.)

Baltimore, Maryland.—"Montebello State Hospital is so short of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses that it was forced to close a men's ward. . . . The hospital has space for 392 patients but, because of lack of staff, was treating only 278 patients as of yesterday." (*Baltimore Sun*, 9/28/67.)

Mrs. BOLTON. While I am very much in favor of continuing and increasing all forms of nurse education—collegiate, associate degree, and diploma—I hope very much that the provisions of my bill, H.R. 13937, will be included in the legislation which is finally reported by the committee. It makes very little sense to see hospital schools close where they have faculty, buildings, and equipment available to produce the needed nurses. Each of the three types of nursing education has a role in meeting the needs.

The 1964 Nurse Training Act gave special recognition to hospital schools of nursing, but I am told that many schools have been discouraged from participating because of the complex language of that act and administrative regulations; also, the subsidy was related partially to increased enrollment, and many of the schools had already reached their physical capacity. I hope that these objections will be met in the new legislation.

Mr. JARMAN. Thank you for your views, Mrs. Bolton. They certainly will be given every consideration.

At this time we will hear from another colleague, Congressman Berry, of South Dakota. I understand you have a short statement, Mr. Berry, so if you will proceed.

STATEMENT OF HON. E. Y. BERRY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Chairman, I am most happy to endorse H.R. 15757 which provides for increased assistance to hospital diploma schools of nursing.

By 1970 we will need at least 210,000 more nurses than we have now to provide adequate care for our growing population, and this legislation will help in alleviating the shortage of nurses by stimulating development of comprehensive plans for nursing education, including development of facilities and recruitment of students in each State.

The measure also bolsters training resources and staff through annual grants ranging from \$12,000 to \$24,000 per school, based on enrollment; improves library resources through matching fund grants not exceeding \$6,000 per year; will ease the problem by helping to reduce training deficits and control rising tuition costs through \$400 per pupil grants to diploma schools, and authorize the Surgeon General to participate in determining eligibility of diploma schools for assistance.

Virtually every school of nursing in the country is confronted with serious financial problems in the struggle to keep its doors open, and this legislation would do much to assure the continuance of the high standards of the nursing profession we have come to expect.

I urge that H.R. 15757 be given early and favorable consideration.

Mr. JARMAN. Thank you for your concise statement Mr. Berry.