

propose a simple amendment separating into two items for purposes of authorization and appropriation the two groupings of the health professional schools which are characterized by their markedly different costs. We have appended to our statement two suggested amendments which would deal with these.

(The documents referred to follow :)

AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 15757 PROPOSED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGES

DRAFT AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE

On page 2, strike lines 7 through 10 and insert, in lieu thereof the following new sentences :

"For grants to assist in the construction of new teaching facilities or to assist in the replacement or rehabilitation of existing teaching facilities for the training of physicians or dentists there are also authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, and each of the next three fiscal years. For grants to assist in the construction of new teaching facilities or to assist in the replacement or rehabilitation of existing teaching facilities for the training of optometrists, pharmacists, podiatrists, veterinarians, or professional public health personnel there are also authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, and each of the next three fiscal years."

DRAFT AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO

On page 6, line 10, after the word "grants" insert the following: "to be made to schools of medicine, dentistry, and osteopathy" and, on page 6, line 11, after the period, insert the sentence: "There are also authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, and each of the next three fiscal years such sums as may be necessary for institutional grants to be made to schools providing training in optometry or podiatry under section 771 and special project grants under section 772."

Dr. MARTIN. Our third suggested amendment deals with the application for construction. Part A, sections 103, 104, and 105 of the bill, which appear on pages 3, 4, and 5. It is, I think, a great step forward to allow the institution to prepare one application rather than many and not have to worry about dividing a room down the center with only certain students on each side of the room.

We feel this is so obviously worthwhile that we urge the committee to make this part immediately effective rather than waiting until after the fiscal year 1969.

Our fourth suggestion deals with matching funds. Many medical schools, and generally it is the one that needs the help the most, are not ideally suited or are unable to provide matching funds, yet they are capable of meeting a very great national need. It would be our feeling that rather than $66\frac{2}{3}\%$, in the case of great need, the Secretary might be able to use regional and national interests to provide 100 percent grants to institutions in that category.

Our fifth concern deals with section 706 on page 16 of the bill, which authorizes the transfer of not more than 20 percent of the loan funds to scholarships. We thoroughly approve of this provision. However, we feel some indication should be made in the bill that the money transferred from loans to scholarships does not have to be made up by the school.

These conclude our suggestions for amendments and clarification of the bill. We have one final point to make and we consider this one a very important one. It is the one that we urgently request you to give