

other institutions is making great efforts to expand and to improve its training of these many categories of workers in the health field. A lot more needs to be done in this whole area and a great many people in the universities, colleges, junior colleges, high schools, are concerned about it and are working on it.

Mr. ROGERS. And I think the junior colleges are trying to work on it. We tried to encourage the junior colleges as well to move into this area.

Dr. MARTIN. Yes.

Mr. ROGERS. Are there any other questions?

Your testimony has been most helpful. We are very grateful for you being here and if you could let us have some of this information, it would be well received.

Thank you very much.

Dr. MARTIN. Thank you.

Mr. ROGERS. There is a quorum call, so, Dr. Ostrander, if you will bear with us, we will answer the quorum call and will be back.

The committee will stand in recess.

(Short recess.)

Mr. ROGERS. The committee will be in order, please. We will proceed.

Our next witness will be Dr. F. Darl Ostrander, the president of the American Dental Association, and Mr. Reginald Sullens, the assistant secretary on educational affairs.

Doctor, it is a pleasure to have you before the committee, and Mr. Sullens, we are pleased to have you accompany him.

STATEMENT OF DR. F. DARL OSTRANDER, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY REGINALD SULLENS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

Dr. OSTRANDER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee.

I am Dr. F. Darl Ostrander of Ann Arbor, Mich. In addition to being a professor of dentistry at the University of Michigan, I have the privilege of serving this year as president of the American Dental Association. With me is Mr. Reginald H. Sullens, assistant secretary of the American Dental Association for educational matters. We are appearing on behalf of both the American Dental Association and the American Association of Dental Schools.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to testify in support of H.R. 15757, the Health Manpower Act of 1968.

The dental profession has been deeply concerned for many years about the problem of providing a supply of well-trained professional and auxiliary dental personnel that would be adequate to the needs of our people. The organized dental profession was one of the earliest supporters of the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act of 1963. We have supported, as well, the additional programs that are now brought together in the four titles of H.R. 15757.

There is no question in our mind that each of these programs was necessary at the time of its passage and remains necessary today. We are convinced that they are central to our national effort to extend and improve the health care available to our fellow citizens. We believe