

However, it is far from clear that students taking the same curriculum but who are enrolled in other schools of the university such as business administration, are entitled to such assistance. At the present time, there are 16 accredited programs in schools of hospital administration in universities in the United States. Seven of these are in schools of public health. The other nine are in other schools. We strongly recommend that this section be revised to amend section 306(a) of the Public Health Service Act to provide for assistance to eligible students enrolled in all university programs for the preparation of hospital and health facility administrators.

This section also includes project grants for graduate training in public health. As the hospital has developed as the recognized center of community health affairs the administrator of such institutions requires specialized graduate training in community health affairs. Such advanced training is made available through the 16 university graduate degree programs. All of these programs should be fully eligible to receive project grants. Their eligibility should not be dependent upon whether the program happens to be within a school of public health. We understand at the present time the grants program is being so administered that certain of these university programs are denied assistance. We recommend, therefore, that section 302 of this bill be revised to amend section 309(a) of the Public Health Service Act to include institutions providing graduate or specialized training in programs of "hospital and health facility administration."

TITLE IV—HEALTH RESEARCH FACILITIES

This title of the bill extends the construction authority for health research facilities.

We recommend approval of this part and urge the committee to authorize adequate funds for carrying out its important purposes.

The bill before the committee does not specify the funds which would be authorized to carry out the purposes of the legislation. However, we are aware of the amounts which the administration has submitted to the Senate on S. 3095, the companion bill. We assume that similar amounts have been or will be recommended to this committee. So far as title II of the bill is concerned, dealing with nurse training, the funds proposed are totally inadequate in the light of the acute shortage which we have discussed with you.

In 1966 there were 1,241 schools of nursing in operation. To provide \$15,000 for each of these schools as the bill proposes, would require some \$18 million. Added to this would be the amounts authorized to be paid to each school on a per student basis. The total number of students in all schools for 1966 was 139,070. To authorize funds for this number of students at \$500 per student would require an additional \$69 million, for a total authorization requirement of approximately \$87 million annually. This is in sharp contrast with the \$30 million proposed by the administration for the fiscal year 1970 and with the amounts for future years.

Mr. Chairman, we greatly appreciate the opportunity of appearing before the committee and presenting to you the views of the hospitals of the country on these matters which are of critical importance to the operation of hospitals and all health care institutions, thus, to the