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COMMENTS BY OFFICIALS OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF OPTOMETRY
REGARDING S. 3095

Illinois College of Optometry (Private), Chicago, Illinois :

"Would like to go on record in support of this bill". (Dr. Alfred A. Rosenbloom, Dean).

Indiana University, Division of Optometry (State), Bloomington, Indiana :

"While there is built into the bill some provisions to increase enrollments over the present figures, the legislators should consider the possibility of providing for an increase in the number of colleges of optometry rather than merely expanding present facilities." (Dr. Henry W. Hofstetter, Director).

Ohio State University, School of Optometry (State), Columbus, Ohio :

"We are in favor of the legislation, but do not favor the bonus or double payment for schools which increase their enrollment levels above those of prior years." (Dr. Fred W. Hebbard, Director).

LOS ANGELES COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY,
Los Angeles, Calif., March 21, 1968.

Dr. W. JUDD CHAPMAN,
*Chairman, Committee on Legislation AOA,
Tallahassee, Fla.*

DEAR DR. CHAPMAN: Thank you for supplying the comments and copy of S. 3095 to this college and our opportunity to comment is appreciated.

In reply to your telegram of March 20th, I have wired the Washington Office a summary of our attitude about this proposed legislation as follows: "Opinion of this college S. 3095 represents great improvement over previous requirements of Public Health Service Act, particularly in provisions for Library and Research facilities and method of payment of Institutional improvement grants. Favorable action recommended. Letter follows."

As all of you must be aware, the availability of Federal Grants for construction, basic and special improvement grants, scholarships to students, loan funds, and the like have represented major improvements to all schools of optometry. The American Optometric Association and its hard-working committees and staff are to be complimented on the work they have done to make all of this possible.

In our opinion the new proposed legislation as is outlined in S. 3095, represents another major improvement in the wording of the Public Service Act. As previously stated in our telegram we are particularly pleased with the attempt to include research and library facilities in the provisions of the act. For most colleges of optometry this can be a very welcome and convenient change for by the very nature of their specialization optometry schools require the immediate availability of these facilities within their buildings.

Additionally, we are in favor of the proposed change in the method of distribution of funds to the various professions. We believe it is as important to consider the number of graduates as it is to consider the entering class. To the suspicious mind this might appear as an incentive to graduate students who are not as fully qualified as they might be but I believe that era in this profes-