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BULLETIN

SENATE HEARING ON DENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IS SET FOR MARCH 28--
A.D.A. TO ASK FOR FULL \$3 MILLION INCREASE IN RESEARCH FUNDS

A hearing on the American Dental Association's request for a \$3,000,000 increase in funds for dental research will be held in Washington, D.C., next Wednesday morning, March 28, by the Subcommittee on Health, Education and Welfare of the Senate Appropriations Committee, it was announced today.

Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.), who has shown a highly sympathetic interest in the A.D.A.'s request, is chairman.

Representing the dental profession at the hearing will be Dr. Harry Lyons, of Richmond, Va., A.D.A. president-elect and dean of the School of Dentistry, Medical College of Virginia, and Dr. H. Trendley Dean, of Chicago, secretary of the A.D.A. Council on Dental Research.

The A.D.A. is recommending that the total appropriation for the National Institute of Dental Research for the 1957 fiscal year be increased by \$3,055,000 to a total of \$6,026,000. Two weeks ago, the House of Representatives approved an appropriation of \$3,471,000 for dental research. This was an increase of \$500,000 over the amount proposed by the Bureau of the Budget. At Wednesday's hearing, A.D.A. representatives will ask the Senate subcommittee to recommend an additional increase of \$2,555,000 to bring the 1957 appropriation for dental research to the \$6,026,000 figure.

Request Wires to Senators

Association officials again are urging all dentists to wire or write at once to the two senators from their state requesting their support of scientific dental research. Copies also should be sent to Senator Hill. All communications should be addressed to the U.S. Senate, Washington 25, D.C.

The need for additional research funds is demonstrated by first results of a current survey of dental schools. Reports from half of the nation's dental schools and research centers reveal that 230 significant research projects are being held up because of the lack of funds. It was estimated that these projects alone would require \$3,148,000 in additional funds or more than the increase the Association is asking for all dental schools and research centers. Detailed data on the survey will be presented to the subcommittee.

In addition to Senator Hill, members of the subcommittee are Sens. Dennis Chavez (D., N. Mex.), Henry C. Dworshak (R., Ida.), Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), Karl E. Mundt (R., S.D.), Charles E. Potter (R., Mich.), Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.), John Stennis (D., Miss.) and Edward J. Thye (R., Minn.).