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FORAND BILL SETBACK FAILS TO DAMPEN PROPOSALS FOR AGED

Even though the Forand bill (H.R. 4700) was voted down March 31 by the House Ways and Means Committee, consideration of measures to provide some degree of health care for the aged continues to be a prime topic in Congress. Rep. Aime J. Forand (D., R.I.) has filed a discharge petition to force his bill out of the committee's hands and onto the House floor. However, observers doubt that he can obtain the needed 216 signatures of House members to save his measure which would provide medical and hospital care for persons eligible to receive social security benefits.

On the Senate side, the ADA has presented a statement giving the dental profession's opposition to the Forand plan and similar measures to the committee considering such legislation. Witnesses for the American Medical Association and the insurance industry also opposed such legislation. While the Eisenhower administration has announced its opposition to any health care plan utilizing the social security tax system, it is known Sec. Arthur S. Flemming of Health, Education and Welfare is conferring with experts on a possible alternate proposal to be made shortly by his department. Meanwhile, on April 7 Senator Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.) and seven other Republican senators introduced a bill

(S. 3350) intended to meet some of the objections of the Administration to the Forand proposal. Under his proposal, health care insurance would be made available to those over 65 at a cost ranging from 50 cents to \$13 per month depending upon the subscriber's income. The difference between the subscriber's payment and the total cost would be paid to the private insurance carriers by the federal and state governments. Based on the assumption that 70 per cent of those eligible would join such a plan, Senator Javits estimated the average annual cost to be \$400 million to subscribers; \$480 million to the federal government, and \$640 million to the states.

Treasury Submits Its Version of Keogh Bill

The Treasury Department has submitted to the Senate Finance Committee a report containing its own approach to the problem of equalizing tax treatment of retirement savings. The Treasury report is intended as a replacement for the Smathers-Morton-Keogh-Simpson bill (H.R. 10). According to the Treasury, its approach would grant self-employed persons treatment comparable to that received by employees.

House OKs \$12,604,000 for Dental Health

The House has passed and sent to the Senate an appropriation bill calling for \$12,604,000 to be spent on dental health activities during the next fiscal year. This is \$1,400,000 above the sum recommended in President Eisenhower's budget and \$2,585,000 above the amount provided for fiscal 1960. ADA witnesses will appear before the Senate early next month to present the Association's support.

Beazley to Legal Post at Dentsply

Bernard J. Beazley, Chicago, has resigned his position as secretary of the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations effective mid June to become associate general counsel of The Dentists' Supply Company of New York. The announcement of his new position was made today jointly by Sec. Harold Hillenbrand and Henry M. Thornton, president of The Dentists' Supply Company. Beazley who will assume his new post in mid June at the company's headquarters in York, Pa., will handle the legal aspects of Dentsply's general corporate activities. Beazley, a graduate of Loyola University (Chicago) School of Law, joined the ADA staff in 1955 as secretary of the Council. He also served as secretary of the Council on Federal Dental Services until July, 1957. As secretary of the Council on Dental Trade and Laboratory Relations, he represented ADA in discussions with the Department of Justice on the federal grand jury study of the dental laboratory accreditation program, 1957-60; discussions and presentations to the Federal Trade Commission resulting in the modification of the FTC's trade practice rules for the commercial dental laboratory industry, 1955-57.

New Hampshire Drops Lab Accreditation

New Hampshire Dental Society has joined the list of constituent societies who have rescinded existing dental laboratory accreditation programs. This makes a total of six. The others are Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri. The New Hampshire action was taken by the Society's Executive Committee on March 15. The constituents have been urged to review their accreditation programs following an indication from the Department of Justice that it was unhappy with certain provisions of the ADA accreditation program.

Vote Favors Zurich Lab Technicians

The dental laboratory technicians of the County of Zurich, Switzerland, have been authorized by a public vote to perform removable prosthetic work. The vote taken April 3 was 98,000 to 58,000 to allow the technicians to work directly on the public.

ADA and NADL Plan Further Conferences

At an April 9 meeting, spokesmen for the Association and the National Association of Dental Laboratories agreed that further discussions on a dental laboratory recognition program should be planned. July 1 was set as the target date for the development of the schedule of the conferences. At the meeting earlier this month, the conferees discussed the current status of dental laboratory accreditation, and certification and education programs for dental laboratory technicians. Dr. Don W. Gullett, secretary of the Canadian Dental Association, attended the conference as an observer.

Offer Bootleg Dentistry Article to Editors

"Dentists' - Who Aren't!" is the subject of an 800-word article on bootleg dentistry being offered by the Bureau of Public Information to all types of publications through Feature. This is a service that offers feature articles to editors of newspapers, magazines, trade organs and other publications. The Bureau would be happy to send the article and its accompanying pictures to the editor of any dental publication. Please write Bureau of Public Information, ADA, 222 East Superior, Chicago 11.

Membership Ahead of 1959 at 85,047

ADA membership as of March 31 was 85,047, more than 750 ahead of a year ago and more than 3,000 ahead of the same period in 1958. Student membership now stands at 12,279, or 90 per cent of the students enrolled last fall. This is 187 more than the same period last year and nearly 1,600 more than 1958.

New Denture Material for "Gum" Chewers

Discovery of a new denture material "that will not stick to gum," has been announced by William Wrigley, Jr., Company. The chewing gum maker told of its new discovery at a recent stockholders' meeting. The firm said the new acrylic material would be made available to the public through dental laboratories as soon as the patent work was completed.

SURVEY OF DENTISTRY OFFICIAL URGES CHANGES IN DENTAL SCHOOLS

What changes could dental schools make to give intellectual and cultural stimulation to their students? This subject was discussed April 6 by Dr. Byron S. Hollinshead, director of the Committee on the Survey of Dentistry, Chicago, at the annual meeting of the Harvard Alumni Association in Boston. Dr. Hollinshead suggested three changes: closer liaison of the dental school with the parent university, stronger efforts to improve teaching, and establishment of a new section of dental health and practice. In considering the three points, he said that:

- specialized and professional schools should be as close as possible, physically and spiritually, to the heart of the university. Yet, he said, the practices of dental schools do not indicate that they try very hard to ensure such a close relationship.

- in most dental schools, students do not feel that there is a central plan of education since teachers give courses in one field without relation to what goes on in another. However, he noted, "experiments are now going on in dental and medical schools in one place or another which lead me to believe that some schools are making headway in eliminating or reducing some of the teaching problems. . ."

- each dental school should establish a new

section of dental health and practice. This new section, he noted, should develop a four-year course, meeting three hours per week each semester. These three sessions, he added, might consist of a one-hour lecture to the whole class, a one-hour discussion with students divided into small sections of not more than 25 each, and a one-hour meeting to consider paper prepared by the students. He felt such a four-year course should include such general headings as: history and orientation, dental health and society, psychological and economic factors in dental practice, hospital relations, continuing education and research, and professional ethics. Dr. Hollinshead commented that, he felt, time could be found for the new section by paring non-essentials from the list of current course offerings.

Dr. Obed Moen Is Substitute Trustee

Dr. Obed Moen, Watertown, Wis., has been appointed substitute trustee for the 9th district by Pres. Paul H. Jeserich. He will replace the late Dr. O. M. Dresen at the special session of the Board of Trustees May 6-7 in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Dresen who lived in Milwaukee died in Chicago following the March 24-26 board meeting. At the May meeting, the Board will meet with the Executive of the Canadian Dental Association to discuss problems of mutual interest, especially developments involving the status of auxiliary personnel. Dr. Moen, a former ADA trustee, is president of the Federation Dentaire Internationale. An ad interim successor trustee to Dr. Dresen will be named later to serve until the 1960 annual session in Los Angeles. When the House of Delegates meets it will elect a successor for the balance of the term ending in 1962.

Drs. Timmons and Moen To Represent ADA

Dr. Gerald Timmons, speaker of the ADA House of Delegates and dean of Temple University School of Dentistry, will represent the Association at the 66th annual meeting of the American Dental Society of Europe in Edinburgh, Scotland, July 5-8. Dr. Obed H. Moen, Watertown, Wis., also will represent ADA at the annual conference of the British Dental Association to be held in Edinburgh July 11-15.

Dean Noyes to Dean Fleming's Council Post

Dr. Harold J. Noyes, dean of Dental School University of Oregon, has been appointed to the Council on Dental Education by Pres. Paul H. Jeserich. He replaces Dr. Willard C. Fleming, dean of School of Dentistry University of California, who resigned for reasons of health.

AADS Names Dr. Burket President-Elect

Dr. Lester W. Burket, dean of University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, was elected president-elect of the American Association of Dental Schools at its 37th annual meeting in Chicago March 20-23. More than 750 people attended the meeting. Dr. Raymond J. Nagle, dean of New York University College of Dentistry, was installed as president for the current year. Dr. George W. Teuscher, dean of Northwestern University Dental School, was named vice-president. Dr. Paul H. Jeserich, president of ADA and dean of University of Michigan School of Dentistry, was elected to the Executive Council of AADS, term expiring in 1964. Dr. Thomas J. Hill, professor emeritus of Western Reserve University School of Dentistry, was elected to honorary membership. Five dental schools were elected to provisional membership, a membership category for those schools which have not yet graduated their first class of dentists. The schools are: Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Dentistry, Seton Hall University College of Dentistry, West Virginia University School of Dentistry, University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry, and University of Puerto Rico School of Dentistry.

Ontario Dental Groups Urge Fluoridation

The Ontario (Canada) Dental Association and the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario have collaborated in the preparation of a brief on fluoridation that is being presented to the Ontario Fluoridation Investigating Committee. In the brief the two dental groups "endorse unqualifiedly the fluoridation of communal water supplies and . . . urge Her Majesty's Government of Ontario to provide the necessary legislation to enable communities to enjoy the benefits of this public health procedure which has been proven, so conclusively, to be in the interests of the public good." The document contains 10 letters of endorsement from other Canadian groups in the health field, plus a listing of nearly 30 U.S. organizations that have endorsed the procedure.

AADS Officially Endorses Fluoridation

The American Association of Dental Schools endorsed the fluoridation of community water supplies, during its annual session last month in Chicago. Reginald Sullens, secretary, said it had been brought to their attention that although dental schools have been active in support of fluoridation campaigns AADS had never officially gone on record for fluoridation. He added that in order to avoid any possible doubt of AADS's feelings, the resolution was adopted.

Council Aids in Judging Research Requests

Several dental societies have asked the Council on Dental Research to assist them in evaluating applications for their research funds. Because of these requests the Council has established a panel of qualified individuals in various basic sciences who are willing to serve voluntarily as consultants to societies and specialty groups that have established such funds. Groups interested in further details of this evaluation service should contact Dr. Sholom Pearlman, Secretary, Council on Dental Research, ADA, 222 East Superior, Chicago 11.

USPHS To Hold Dental Workshop in Chicago

A workshop for institutional and public program dentists of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin will be held in Chicago May 20-21 by the Dental Health Services of the U.S. Public Health Service. There will be no charge for the workshop that is designed to show recent advances in the provision of dental care to groups and special types of patients. However, attendance will be limited. Those who are interested should contact the Dental Public Health Services, 433 West Van Buren Street, Chicago 7.

Relief Fund Total Climbs to \$110,938

The 1959-60 Relief Fund campaign total stood at \$110,938 as of March 31, nearly \$11,000 ahead of the goal of \$100,000. So far only 10 constituent societies and four federal dental services have failed to reach or surpass their quota.