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HOUSE PASSES KEOGH BILL

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ADA TO TESTIFY ON HEALTH CARE FOR AGED PROPOSAL; BULLETIN PREPARED

Hearings on HR 4222--the Kennedy Administration program for health care for the aged--have been scheduled for mid-July by the House Ways and Means Committee. The ADA will testify in opposition to the bill. In order to place the Association's position before all Congressmen, an Information Bulletin is being sent to ADA members asking them to write their Senators and Representatives. The Bulletin will be in the mails in late June.

HR 4222 calls for hospital, nursing home and other care for about 14,200,000 persons sixty-five years or more of age who are eligible for social security benefits under the Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance System (OASDI). Physicians' and dentists' services are not included. The benefits would be financed by higher social security payroll deductions. Original estimates of cost were about \$1.5 billion a year, but Washington sources indicated that this estimate would be increased substantially by Adm'n witnesses during the hearings. The ADA opposes in principle provision of federal health care benefits to any segment of the general population without consideration to need.

Ex-HEW Head Writes on Fluoridation

The July issue of Good Housekeeping magazine carries an article on fluoridation by Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, president of Oregon University and former secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Referring to the relative lack of progress in fluoridating community water supplies, Dr. Flemming says that "no more tragic or inexcusable-situation" was called to his attention during his cabinet term. The ADA Bureau of Public Information is cooperating in publicizing the article. Good Housekeeping's circulation is in excess of 4.5 million.

ADA Testimony Heard by Congress

Testimony concerning dental health appropriations for fiscal 1962 and favoring federal loans to dental and medical students was offered June 8 by ADA witnesses. The Senate committee on health, education and welfare was told that the ADA considered \$25,443,000 a "minimum in terms of national need" for dental health and research activities during the coming fiscal year. The National Institute of Dental Research would receive \$21,350,000 of this total, while the rest would go for public health. The House has voted \$16,863,000 for these purposes.

Appearing before a House subcommittee on education, ADA witnesses told congressmen that the Association favored passage of HR 4930, which would provide for federal loans to dental and medical students. Appearing on behalf of ADA before the two committees were Dr. Alfred E. Smith of New Orleans, member of the ADA Council on Legislation, and Dr. Maynard K. Hine, ADA trustee and dean of the University of Indiana School of Dentistry.

NIDR Announces 30 Research Grants

During April, the National Institute of Dental Research awarded 30 new research grants, with a total amount of \$500,834. These formed part of \$27,848,575 in total awards given by NIH in April.

"DENTURIST" ATTEMPTS AT LICENSURE IN ILLINOIS ARE APPARENTLY DEFEATED

The efforts of a "denturist" laboratory group to obtain licensure from Illinois have apparently failed. Members of the License and Miscellany Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives voted 15 to 11 to recommend that two proffered bills be rejected by the Legislature as a whole. This action probably doomed the bills since it is not usual, though possible, for the sponsors of rejected proposals to bring them to the floor of the House.

Of the two bills, the more important one would have established a practice act for "Oral Prosthetists" and would license them to deal directly with the public. The bill defined oral prosthetics as the "designing, making, reproducing and repairing of artificial, removable full and partial dentures." An "oral prosthetist" was defined as a person, other than a licensed dentist, who practiced oral prosthetics. Other provisions of the rejected bill authorized use of the title "Registered Oral Prosthetist," provided for examination by the Dep't. of Registration and Education for licensure and required that dep't. to make rules and regulations for administering the Act only after giving "due consideration" to the recommendations of "experienced oral prosthetists and of organizations thereof." The second bill which the legislative committee turned down would have modified the present Dental Practice Act so that its provisions would not have applied to "oral prosthetists." (As the Newsletter went to press, new versions of the bills were introduced in the Illinois legislature.)

New Oral Cancer Study Made Public

A study of 106 patients with oral cancer has shown that only 8.5 per cent were nondrinkers and 6.6 per cent nonsmokers, according to Dr. Ronald G. Vincent, cancer research surgeon of the Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. As reported in the Medical Tribune, Dr. Vincent said that 62 per cent of the patients drank more than 2 oz. of alcohol daily and 29.3 per cent drank a measurable, though lesser, amount daily. Eighty per cent daily smoked 20 cigarettes or their equivalent in cigars or pipe tobacco. One cigar was considered equivalent to five cigarettes and one pipe to two cigarettes. A total of 71.8 per cent of the patients had measurable liver damage, while a post-mortem study of another 144 oral cancer cases disclosed cirrhosis in 28 per cent.

'Denturists' Hit By Idaho Ruling

Ruling on a question raised by a group of dental laboratory owners dealing directly with the public, the Idaho Supreme Court said June 2 that they could not perform any operation in the area of prosthetic dental service which required the presence, aid or assistance of the wearer or user of the appliance. This generally favorable ruling limits considerably the effect of a 1955 decision of the same court which said dental laboratories could relin and reproduce dentures directly for the public. The full effect of the new decision will be seen more clearly when, within the next few weeks, an order is prepared by a trial court to implement the Supreme Court decision.

Dental Congress Slates Hobby Exhibit

American dentists are invited to participate in a hobby exhibition to be held in conjunction with the XIIIth International Dental Congress, Cologne, Germany, July 7-14, 1962. Hobbies of any type are eligible for entry. Interested persons should write Dr. Paul Jaeger, Nikolaistr. 2., Munich 23, Germany. Correspondence must reach Dr. Jaeger by July 30, 1961.

Dental Labs Undertake Education Drive

The first nationwide campaign to solicit funds from dental laboratories in support of dental education will be undertaken this year, Hoyt E. Cushman, president of the National Association of Dental Laboratories, has announced. Mr. Cushman said that Robert J. Rothstein, chairman of the board of Rothstein Dental Laboratories Inc., Washington, D. C., will be national chairman of the campaign. Conducted in cooperation with the Fund for Dental Education, the drive will begin this summer among the nation's 7,700 dental laboratories and will culminate at NADL's annual meeting this fall in Chicago.

HOUSE APPROVES KEOGH-UTT BILL; SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION IS NEXT STEP

By a nearly unanimous voice vote, the U. S. House of Representatives passed the Keogh-Utt Bill on June 5. The measure was approved under a suspension of the rules procedure, which limited debate to 10 minutes and required a two-thirds vote. The bill now goes to the Senate, where committee action is not yet scheduled. Only three representatives expressed opposition to the legislation during discussion, basing their position on the fact that the Kennedy administration had not accounted in its budget for the possible revenue loss the bill would entail. The three congressmen were John W. Byrnes (R-Wis.), Thomas B. Curtis (R-Mo.) and Bruce Alger (R-Tex.). All three agreed, however, that present law discriminates against the self-employed. The Senate Finance Committee will be in charge of hearings on the bill for that body. Three members of this committee--George A. Smathers (D-Fla.), Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) and Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah)--introduced bills on this subject earlier in the present session.

Former ADA Vice-President Owens Dies

Dr. John S. Owens of Camden, N. J., ADA vice-president in 1937, died May 21. Dr. Owens was President, in 1926, of the New Jersey State Dental Society and was the only member of the Southern Dental Society of New Jersey to serve twice as its President, in 1915 and 1922. Dr. Owens served for nearly twenty years, as a member of the ADA House of Delegates.

North Carolina Dental Law Changed

A bill recently passed by the North Carolina legislature eliminates the North Carolina Dental Society as the sole nominator of members of the Board of Dental Examiners and substitutes "organized dental societies." The bill was supported by the society. Other provisions of the bill, which takes effect July 1, are directed toward control of dental laboratory work-orders.

President John F. Kennedy converses with ADA Pres. Charles H. Patton in Cabinet room of White House during May 26 meeting. Partially obscured in picture are Sec. Harold Hillenbrand and Ass't. Sec. Bernard J. Conway. Others in attendance were Pres.-elect John R. Abel, Ass't. Sec. C. Willard Camalier, Sen. Lister Hill (D-Ala.) and Rep. John E. Fogarty, (D-R.I.).



Deaf Dentist-Minister Retires at 71

Dr. Edwin W. Nies, 71, a deaf dentist and a Protestant Episcopal minister, retires this month after forty-seven years of service as a dentist at the Lexington School for the Deaf, New York City. Born in that city, Dr. Nies became deaf at the age of seven from the after-effects of an attack of spinal meningitis. The affliction did not prevent Dr. Nies from obtaining a degree in 1914 from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry. He studied privately for the ministry and was ordained to the Protestant Episcopal priesthood in 1950. After ordination, Dr. Nies gave up private dental practice except for devoting two days a week to the Lexington School. He plans to continue his work as minister to his deaf congregation at St. Michael's and, one Sunday a month, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, both in New York City.

'Babies & Breadwinners'—Polio Theme

"Babies and Breadwinners" will be the theme of the 1961 national polio vaccination program conducted by the Public Health Service. The best way to prevent future polio epidemics, PHS feels, is to obtain full inoculation for very young children and young parents. Use of Salk vaccine will be urged for all members of these groups.

Van Cliburn to Play During Session

Van Cliburn, noted pianist, will play with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy on Oct. 16, during the ADA annual session in that city. The concert, a Children's Hospital benefit, will be Mr. Cliburn's only appearance during the session. Consequently, those wishing to attend should send for tickets as soon as possible. Part of the ticket cost is a contribution to the benefit and this portion is tax deductible. Seat prices are: Balcony, \$8 (\$3 contribution included); family circle, \$5 (\$1.75), and amphitheatre, \$2.50 (50¢). Ticket requests should be addressed to Mrs. Edw. J. MacMullan, Rittenhouse Plaza, Apt. 9B, Philadelphia 3. The ADA will have a concert by the Philadelphia Orchestra on the following night.

'Health Team' Seminar Planned

A panel discussion on "Effective Coordination of the Dental Health Team," with participants from leading dental and dental auxiliary organizations, has been announced as a highlight of the 37th annual session of the American Dental Assistants Association, to be held Oct. 16-19 in Philadelphia. The program will be presented during the morning of Oct. 18. All dentists and members of dental auxiliary fields are invited to attend.

Dental Hygienists Course Announced

A ten-day, two credit institute for dental hygienists will be presented July 10-28 by the Marquette University Dental Hygiene Dept. and the Dental Division of the Wisconsin State Dept. of Health. Covering the social aspects to dental hygiene, the course is intended as a practical approach to dental health practices for the dental health educator and dental hygienists engaged in public health work. Further information can be obtained from the Department of Dental Hygiene, 604 N. 16th St., Milwaukee 3, Wis.

Candy Consumption Increases in 1960

Americans ate more candy in 1960 than ever before. U.S. Dept. of Commerce figures show that three billion pounds of candy were consumed during that year, an increase of more than 74 million pounds over 1959. To establish this new record, Americans ate sweets at the rate of 17 pounds per person.

Dental Project Given Annual Grant

The Children's Hospital of Baltimore has received a \$70,000 per year grant to establish a demonstration project designed to meet dental needs of handicapped patients. The money is being given jointly by the Dep't. of Health, Education and Welfare and the Maryland State Dep't. of Health. Directed by Burton R. Pollack, in cooperation with the pediatrics department of Johns Hopkins Hospital, it is hoped that the project will become a model for similar undertakings elsewhere. Length of the grant was not announced.

This supplement lists contributions to the 1960-61 ADA Relief Fund from constituent societies and federal dental services through May 31. Societies which have reached or exceeded their quotas are listed in capital letters. In addition, an asterisk preceding the name of a society or service indicates that every member of that society has made a contribution in the Relief Fund Campaign.

	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Pct.</u>		<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
ALABAMA	\$1,110.00	\$1,115.50	100.5	Penn.	\$ 8,140.00	\$ 6,927.50	85.1
ALASKA	70.00	181.00	258.6	Puerto Rico	300.00	237.00	79.0
*ARIZONA	530.00	939.00	177.2	RHODE IS.	640.00	942.00	147.2
ARKANSAS	710.00	839.00	118.2	S. Car.	580.00	576.50	99.4
CALIFORNIA	5,120.00	5,673.00	110.8	S. DAK.	360.00	541.00	150.3
Calif. So.	6,340.00	5,912.00	93.2	TENNESSEE	1,690.00	5,149.00	304.7
COLORADO	1,320.00	1,561.50	118.3	Texas	4,300.00	3,893.75	90.6
CONN.	2,410.00	2,520.00	104.6	Utah	680.00	624.00	91.8
DELAWARE	210.00	269.00	128.1	VERMONT	220.00	273.00	124.1
*DIST. OF C.	850.00	1,493.00	175.6	VIRGINIA	1,680.00	1,712.50	101.9
FLORIDA	2,160.00	2,570.00	119.0	WASHINGTON	2,420.00	2,561.50	105.8
GEORGIA	1,370.00	1,544.00	112.7	W. Va.	840.00	819.00	97.5
HAWAII	530.00	746.00	140.8	Wisconsin	3,340.00	2,603.75	78.0
IDAHO	380.00	387.00	101.8	WYOMING	210.00	243.00	115.7
ILLINOIS	8,030.00	9,196.95	114.5				
Indiana	2,670.00	2,640.00	98.9	TOTAL	\$119,800.00	\$124,179.99	103.7
Iowa	2,060.00	1,930.00	93.7				
KANSAS	1,200.00	1,231.65	102.6				
KENTUCKY	1,470.00	1,585.89	107.9	<u>Fed. Dental</u>			
LOUISIANA	1,290.00	1,309.00	101.5	<u>Services</u>			
MAINE	510.00	673.00	132.0	Air Force	\$ 1,270.00	\$ 612.00	48.2
MARYLAND	1,490.00	1,491.00	100.1	Army	1,150.00	606.50	52.7
MASS.	4,370.00	4,751.00	108.7	Navy	1,550.00	850.50	54.9
MICHIGAN	5,370.00	6,042.50	112.5	P.H. SERV.	400.00	466.75	116.7
MINNESOTA	3,230.00	3,331.00	103.1	Vet. Admin.	830.00	336.50	40.5
MISSISSIPPI	700.00	732.00	104.6	TOTAL	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 2,872.25	55.2
Missouri	2,810.00	2,683.00	95.5				
MONTANA	440.00	478.70	108.8				
Nebraska	1,130.00	1,072.00	94.9				
Nevada	170.00	141.50	83.2				
New Hamp.	370.00	241.00	65.1	<u>Summary</u>			
NEW JERSEY	5,000.00	5,234.65	104.7	Constit.			
New Mexico	340.00	334.50	98.4	Societies	\$119,800.00	\$124,179.99	103.7
New York	17,720.00	15,816.61	89.3	Fed.Dntl.			
N. CAR.	1,640.00	1,904.00	116.1	Services	5,200.00	2,872.25	55.2
N. DAKOTA	360.00	485.00	134.7	Students		561.03	
Ohio	6,130.00	5,174.14	84.4	Memorials		110.00	
OKLAHOMA	1,120.00	1,217.40	108.7	Miscellaneous		106.50	
Oregon	1,630.00	1,590.00	97.5				
PANAMA	40.00	40.00	100.0	TOTAL	\$125,000.00	\$127,829.77	102.3