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SENATE OKAYS 'MEDICARE' BILL; DENTAL AMENDMENTS INCLUDED

The Senate on July 9 passed the Social Security Bill, 68 to 21. The bill was a considerably amended version of the measure passed by the House in April. Major provisions of the bill, which now goes to a Senate-House conference committee, set up an extensive medical care program for the elderly. Two amendments introduced by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) at the request of the ADA were included in the final version of the Senate bill. The first amendment requires dental care for indigent children under the Kerr-Mills portion of the measure. The second amendment recognizes the right of dentists to perform oral surgical services covered under the so-called "supplementary health benefits" section of the bill. The Ribicoff amendments are not included in the House bill.

The measure as it had been approved by both the House and Senate would provide:

-- A basic program of hospital and nursing home care with all persons age 65 and over automatically eligible. The duration of the government-paid treatment per illness must be settled by the conferees, but hospitalization benefits would last at least 60 days, with the patient himself paying the first \$40 of the bill. Hospital benefits will start July 1, 1966, nursing-home benefits Jan. 1, 1967.

-- A voluntary medical-surgical care insurance policy for which everyone 65 and older will be eligible. An elderly person will pay a monthly premium of \$3, which can be deducted from his Social Security pension; the \$3 premium will be matched by a like amount from the Treasury. After the patient himself pays the first \$50 of medical care costs, the insurance would pick up 80 per cent of the remainder. This program would start

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2,000 More Rooms Obtained In Las Vegas

The ADA Housing Bureau for the Las Vegas session reports that all rooms with the exception of some suites in hotels listed on the official housing application are sold out. A commitment of 2,000 additional rooms of comparable quality has been obtained at hotels and motels on "The Strip." There will be no shortage of first class rooms, but dentists are urged to make their room application and especially their travel reservations early. Use the regular housing application and simply indicate the price scale of the room and whether you wish to be located near a particular hotel or the Convention Center.

Heart Group Says Fluoridation Safe

The American Heart Association has issued a policy statement confirming the safety of water fluoridation in regard to the circulatory system. The Heart Association approved the position taken by its Council on Epidemiology and its Council on Arteriosclerosis to the effect that there is no evidence that fluoridation "has any deleterious effect on the cardiovascular system."

Student Research Program Expanded

For the second year the ADA is conducting its Junior Dental Scientist Awards program. Thirteen talented high school students are spending the summer working in a dental research laboratory with a dental scientist conducting basic research related to oral health. Last year five students participated in the program which is supported by a grant from the Dental Health Section of the General Electric Company.

Names of the students, their hometowns and the research centers where they are spending eight weeks are: Willard Cuzzort, Birmingham, Ala., University of Alabama; Miss Zenia Didoshak, Rochester, N.Y., Eastman Dental Dispensary; Sherwin Levinson, Chicago, University of Illinois; Miss Joan Keene, Bardstown, Ky., University of Kentucky; Howard Huey, Nashville, Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry; Neil Gilbert, Minneapolis, University of Minnesota; Stephen Byrne, Prairie Village, Kan., University of Missouri; John Briggs, Portland, Ore., University of Oregon; Paul Barsel, Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania; William Martin, Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh; David Allen, Tyler, Tex., University of Texas; Miss Janet MacIver, Cambridge, Mass., Tufts University, and John Muensterman, Glendale, Calif., University of Southern California.

Illegal Operator Conviction Upheld

The Michigan Supreme Court has upheld the conviction and fine of Pierce C. Vassar, a Detroit dental laboratory technician, who was found guilty of violating an injunction against further unlicensed practice of dentistry. Vassar was assessed \$250 in fines plus \$150 in court costs.

Denturists Lose In British Columbia

The British Columbia legislature has rejected proposals to permit dental mechanics to make partial and immediate dentures directly for the public and to allow dentists to collaborate with mechanics in the matter of extractions for dentures.

Fogarty To Address IADR

Rep. John E. Fogarty (D-R.I.) will address the International Association for Dental Research at a banquet July 24 in Toronto. The IADR will hold its 43rd general meeting July 22-25 and the American Association of Dental Schools will hold its 42nd annual session July 25-28. Dr. Murray G. Ross, president of York University, Toronto, will be the keynote speaker at the joint IADR-AADS session July 25.

Fluoridation Opponents List Revised

"Comments on the opponents of fluoridation," compiled by the ADA Bureau of Public Information, has been up-dated and expanded. The list contains excerpts from material concerning some of the individuals, organizations and publications opposed to water fluoridation. Organizations planning a fluoridation campaign or other interested individuals may request copies by contacting the Bureau at the ADA Central Office.

AMA Reaffirms Fluoridation Support

The American Medical Association in a recent news release has reaffirmed its support of water fluoridation as an "effective method of reducing tooth decay." The release, issued in connection with the publication of a new pamphlet on fluoridation, stated that the AMA first endorsed the principle of fluoridation of community water supplies in 1951 and further reaffirmed this position in 1957.

New Firecrackers Peril Teeth

The Illinois Department of Public Health has warned that a new type of fireworks which resembles small colored candy balls may endanger dental health. Children may easily mistake these "cracker balls" for candy and by biting into them could suffer mouth burns, fractures and loss of teeth. The department said that the Federal Food and Drug Administration is seizing all shipments of these "cracker balls."

relief fund report

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ADA NEWS LETTER SUPPLEMENT

Contributions to the ADA Relief Fund are listed as of June 30, 1965. Societies which have reached or exceeded their quotas are listed in capital letters; an asterisk precedes societies in which every member has made a contribution.

	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Pct.</u>		<u>Quota</u>	<u>Contri- bution</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,095.00	95.2	PANAMA	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	100.0
ALASKA	80.00	195.00	243.8	Penn.	7,620.00	7,526.00	98.8
*ARIZONA	680.00	1,135.00	166.9	PUERTO RICO	250.00	258.00	103.2
Arkansas	700.00	567.65	81.1	RHODE ISLAND	600.00	958.00	159.7
CALIFORNIA	5,540.00	5,681.00	102.5	S. CAROLINA	590.00	663.43	112.4
Calif., So.	6,660.00	6,381.50	95.8	*SOUTH DAKOTA	330.00	365.50	110.8
COLORADO	1,410.00	1,450.71	102.9	TENNESSEE	1,690.00	1,730.00	102.4
CONNECTICUT	2,400.00	2,894.15	120.6	Texas	4,430.00	3,956.47	89.3
DELAWARE	240.00	325.00	135.4	UTAH	730.00	823.25	112.8
*DIST. of C.	750.00	1,452.00	193.6	VERMONT	230.00	273.00	118.7
Florida	2,670.00	2,531.00	94.8	VIRGINIA	1,800.00	1,918.50	106.6
GEORGIA	1,450.00	1,642.00	113.2	Washington	2,420.00	2,075.50	85.8
HAWAII	570.00	945.00	165.8	W. Virginia	770.00	699.00	90.8
IDAHO	380.00	396.00	104.2	Wisconsin	3,050.00	2,741.50	89.9
ILLINOIS	7,430.00	8,639.50	116.3	WYOMING	190.00	300.00	157.9
Indiana	2,500.00	2,368.00	94.7	TOTAL	\$118,610.00	\$124,291.03	104.8
IOWA	1,920.00	1,989.50	103.6	<u>Federal Dental Services</u>			
KANSAS	1,160.00	1,168.15	100.7	Air Force	\$ 1,690.00	\$ 818.50	48.4
KENTUCKY	1,420.00	2,447.00	172.3	Army	1,820.00	972.50	53.4
Louisiana	1,360.00	1,226.50	90.2	Navy	1,620.00	1,149.54	71.0
MAINE	470.00	668.00	142.1	P.H. SERVICE	470.00	557.00	118.5
MARYLAND	1,600.00	1,734.00	108.4	Vet. Admin.	790.00	715.00	90.5
MASSACHUSETTS	4,330.00	5,029.75	116.2	TOTAL	\$ 6,390.00	\$ 4,212.54	65.9
MICHIGAN	5,100.00	5,832.50	114.4	<u>Summary</u>			
MINNESOTA	3,110.00	3,304.00	106.2	CONSTIT.	\$118,610.00	\$124,291.03	104.8
Mississippi	630.00	601.00	95.4	SOCIETIES			
MISSOURI	2,540.00	2,732.50	107.6	Fed. Dental	6,390.00	4,212.54	65.9
Montana	450.00	391.32	87.0	Services		1,627.00	
*NEBRASKA	1,060.00	1,285.00	121.2	Students		95.50	
NEVADA	190.00	197.00	103.7	Memorials		21.00	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	370.00	697.00	188.4	Misc.			
NEW JERSEY	5,080.00	6,057.45	119.2	TOTAL	\$125,000.00	\$130,247.07	104.2
New Mexico	380.00	361.50	95.1				
New York	17,140.00	16,097.00	93.9				
N. CAROLINA	1,720.00	2,081.00	121.0				
*NORTH DAKOTA	350.00	466.00	133.1				
Ohio	6,060.00	5,137.70	84.8				
OKLAHOMA	1,140.00	1,167.00	102.4				
Oregon	1,690.00	1,603.50	94.9				

DR. KNUT GARD OF NORWAY IS ELECTED AS NEW PRESIDENT OF FDI

Dr. Knut Gard of Norway was elected president of the Federation Dentaire Internationale at its 53rd annual session in Vienna, Austria. Other new officers elected were: Dr. W. Stewart Ross, England, president-elect; Dr. L.J. Baume, Switzerland, and Dr. R. Braun, Germany, vice-presidents and Dr. W. Brenner, Austria, councillor. Re-elected were: Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, United States, and Dr. P.O. Pedersen, Denmark, vice-presidents; Dr. H. Freihofer, Switzerland, speaker, and Dr. C. Gysel, Belgium, Belgian legal representative. Total attendance was 2,204, representing 47 countries; more than 500 participants came from the United States.

The General Assembly approved a resolution to move the FDI headquarters office into the new building of the British Dental Association in London. In other actions the General Assembly:

-- Changed the status of the New Zealand Dental Association from corresponding member to voting member association;

-- Accepted the Syrian Dental Association for full membership;

-- Praised Dr. Mario Chaves, chief, dental health, World Health Organization, for his efforts in establishing closer cooperation between WHO and FDI,

-- Heard a progress report on the 54th annual session which will be held in Tel Aviv, Israel, July 10-17, 1966.

Indian Hospital Dental Program

The U.S. Public Health Service has announced establishment of the first dental internship training program at a federal Indian hospital. The program, which began July 11 provides one year of training for two dental graduate students at the Indian hospital in Gallup, N.M. The program was developed to meet the requirements of the ADA Council on Dental Education.

The PHS Indian health program is designed to provide comprehensive health care for American Indians.

Court Upholds N.Y. Fluoridation

The constitutionality of New York City's proposed water fluoridation program was recently upheld by the state's appellate court. In a unanimous decision, the five appellate justices upheld a ruling made last February by a lower court. In this ruling, the court had stated: "The fluoridation program is obviously directed toward the security of the life and health of the citizens of New York City, and is an attempt to cope with the serious and growing public health problem of tooth decay and dental neglect particularly among children." The city budget for this year called for \$603,710 to fluoridate the city's water supply. The ruling by the appellate division was the second defeat for Dominick F. Paduano, a former water commission, and three others, who had filed the suit and its appeal.

New Dentures Booklet Issued

A new dental health education booklet, "Your New Dentures," is available. Designed for dentists to give to patients with new dentures, it covers such aspects as the mental attitude of denture wearers, speaking, facial expressions, chewing, care of dentures, breakage and repair, new bases, a caution against do-it-yourself relining and repair, and the need for regular checkups by a dentist. The booklet, a revision of "Your Artificial Dentures," was produced by the ADA Bureau of Dental Health Education.

49 Million Have Fluoridation

Latest statistics released by the U.S. Public Health Service show 48,962,404 Americans in 2,829 communities as of June 22 receive fluoridated water from public water supplies. In addition, there are 7.2 million persons in some 1,900 communities who drink naturally fluoridated water.

TELEVISION TABLE CLINICS AGAIN HIGHLIGHT SCIENTIFIC SESSION PROGRAM

For the third consecutive year, television table clinics will be one of the major highlights of the scientific program during the ADA's 106th annual session in Las Vegas Nov. 8-11. The scientific session, the largest ever held, will include more than 700 essays, clinics, exhibits, lectures and films on the latest developments in dental science and practice.

The clinics will be televised from a special TV studio in the Las Vegas Convention Center to another room where they will be viewed on a large screen. Topics will range from removable denture service to endometric endodontics, follow-up care for immediate denture patients and construction of periodontal splints. Most of the presentations will be 15-minutes in length. The television clinics are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in the Convention Center. Tapes of the presentations will be shown on the afternoon of both days.

Operative Dentistry Forum

The latest technics in operative dentistry will be discussed during a forum Monday, Nov. 8, in the Convention Center as part of the annual session scientific program. Reporting on recent improvements in dental materials will be Dr. Ralph W. Phillips, Indianapolis, Ind., and Dr. Sigurd P. Ramfjord, Ann Arbor, Mich., who will discuss new approaches in periodontics and restorative dentistry while Dr. William E. Cody, Denver, will speak on the use of gold foils for the teeth of adolescents. Dr. Henry M. Tanner, Los Angeles, will discuss current advances in the use of restorative filling materials.

D.C. To Have Centennial In 1966

The District of Columbia Dental Society will observe the 100th anniversary of its annual postgraduate clinic March 6-9, 1966. Interested participants in the session are asked to submit reservations as early as possible. The address is Suite 202, 1835 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20006.

Illinois Dental College Promotes 3

The University of Illinois College of Dentistry has announced three faculty promotions, according to Dr. Seymour H. Yale, dean. Dr. Arthur Skupa, professor of clinical dentistry and director of patient admissions and dental clinics, has been named associate dean to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Yale's promotion to dean. Dr. John Spence has been named assistant dean for clinics. He is professor and head of the department of operative dentistry and director of audiovisual education. Dr. Maury Massler, professor and head of the department of pedodontics, has been named assistant dean for post-graduate and teacher education.

ADA Membership At 103,196

Membership in the Association reached a new high with 103,196 as of June 30. A breakdown shows: active and life members, 89,267; affiliate members, 456; associate members, 82; honorary members, 75, and student members, 13,316.

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under the House bill July 1, 1966, under the Senate version, Jan. 1, 1967.

-- An across-the-board seven per cent increase in Social Security pensions going to about 20 million retired workers, widows and disabled persons. The increase will be retroactive to last Jan. 1.

The most important issue to be settled by the conferees is the schedule of higher taxes to pay for the medical and pension benefits. Both versions of the bill provide for annual increases of the Social Security Tax. Under the Senate bill, the maximum annual tax for self-employed persons in 1966 would be \$404.25, rising to \$518.10 in 1987, compared to a maximum annual payment of \$344.40 for 1966, rising to \$514.80 in 1987 under the House version.