

2705 S. W. English Court,  
Portland 1, Oregon,  
November 23, 1954.

Hon. Wm. C. Strand, Director,  
Office of Territories,  
U. S. Interior Department,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Strand:

I read H. R. 8009 through with the critical eye of an interested and yet objective amateur. Not being legally trained or a professional legislator I give you my impressions and opinion for what it is worth. On page 3 I would delete line 22 beginning with the word "but" and lines 23, 24, 25 and lines 1 and 2 on page 4. Any M. D. might take exception to the word osteopathy in line 6 of page 5. On page 5 under paragraph (1) I would like to call attention to the fact that at least in the states of Washington, Oregon and California the residence requirement for eligibility for care in a state mental hospital is two years. This may vary among different states, but I believe that two years is the average as far as most states are concerned. On page 7, lines 4 through 10, the general subject matter has already been referred to in the third sentence at the top of this page. The preceding sentence also applies to ~~the~~ lines 5 through the word Act of line 12 in section 5 on page 8. I heard about the objections of the territorial congressional delegate to some of the provisions in the Grant of Land part and particularly as it applies to mineral deposits of the Bill. The words "west of the main range of the Rocky Mountains" in line 4 on page 12 should be omitted. I strongly recommend paragraph (b) on page 12, and particularly as it might be applied to Morningside Hospital. The succeeding paragraphs of section 7 are also apropos. Line 16 through the word Act in line 21 on page 13 has already been referred to twice. Section 40 (a), page 40 should be eliminated. I am in general accord with all the other provisions of the Bill. The most objectionable parts of the Bill are those referred to in the words "west of the main range of the Rocky Mountains" in line 4 on page 12 and section 40 (a) on page 40. I hope that the Congress sees fit to pass a good mental health act for Alaska during its next session.

With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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