

PROPOSED FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO COMBAT LEAD POISONING

Congressman William F. Ryan with 19 cosponsors has introduced three bills designed to alleviate, and hopefully, terminate lead poisoning in children:

H.R. 9191 (H.R. 13256 and 14736 with cosponsors)

This bill establishes a fund in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare from which the Secretary could make grants to local governments to develop programs to identify and treat individuals afflicted by lead poisoning.

H.R. 9192 (H.R. 13254 and 14735 with cosponsors)

This bill is directed at the problem of slum housing itself, and the need to eliminate the causes of lead poisoning. It authorizes the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants to local governments to develop programs designed to detect the presence of lead-based paints and to require that owners and landlords remove it from interior walls and surfaces.

H.R. 11699 (H.R. 13255 and 14734 with cosponsors)

This bill is a potentially effective tool to combat the spread of this disease. It would require that a local government submit to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development an effective plan for eliminating the causes of lead-based paint poisoning as a condition of receiving any federal funds for housing code enforcement or rehabilitation. It also requires that the plans be enforced.

Those cosponsoring this legislation with Congressman Ryan are: Mr. Brasco, Mr. Burke of Florida, Mr. Burke of Massachusetts, Mr. Burton of California, Mr. Button, Mr. Daddario, Mr. Edwards of California, Mr. Halpern, Mr. Horton, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Koch, Mr. Mikva, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Murphy of New York, Mr. Podell, Mr. Pucinski, Mr. Rosenthal, Mr. Scheuer, and Mr. Wolff.