

## A Panel Subpoenas H.E.W. Secretary For Hospital Data

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 6—A House investigations subcommittee served a subpoena today on F. David Mathews, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, for failing to furnish hospital accreditation reports that the subcommittee had requested.

At issue are surveys performed by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals, which determines whether a hospital is entitled to qualify for reimbursement under Medicaid.

About 5,000 hospitals received \$10 billion in Federal and state matching funds last year as a result of the commission's accreditations, according to Representative John E. Moss, Democrat of California, who is chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

A review of the accreditation reports by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has found that two of every three hospitals reviewed do not meet Federal standards, Mr. Moss said, and thus, the subcommittee asked for the reports on which the hospital accreditation agency based its finding.

Dr. Mathews contends that the law prohibits him from giving the information to Congress, and is seeking a ruling from the Attorney General on the issue.

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