

Dr. CROUT. That is an option to be considered. Certainly the funding of postgraduate educational materials and courses would clearly appear to be available. We are talking about somebody paying for what you see today. It will be paid for in one of two ways. I should say one of three ways: (1) by Government; (2) by the profession, the medical profession—that is, payment for their own postgraduate education; and (3) by the manufacturers of drugs, or some combination of these three. Right now Government is clearly running third among those three.

Senator NELSON. The medical society's memo indicates that a substantial percentage of these are promotional. Since they are tax deductible, 50 percent of the cost of the exhibit are paid for by the taxpayer, anyway.

Thank you very much Dr. Crout for your very interesting presentation.

Dr. CROUT. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Senator NELSON. These hearings will resume at 9:30 on Monday, May 10.

[Whereupon, the hearing adjourned at 12:45 p.m.]