

Fenfluramine is less of a central nervous system stimulant than the other drugs in this class. If anything, it appeared to have a depressing effect, but that in itself raised the question of whether it might have abuse potential in some other way. I think the comments this morning have pointed out that the continued surveillance of this drug class might have some merit—

Senator NELSON. You said this is an ad hoc panel?

Dr. PROUT. Yes, an ad hoc committee of the FDA.

Senator NELSON. Selected by whom?

Dr. PROUT. Selected by the Commissioner, I presume.

It was selected in part from the Committee on Endocrine and Metabolic Drugs, of which I am also chairman.

Senator NELSON. And the recommendation was that all of the amphetamines and related drugs be put in schedule II? That was a unanimous recommendation?

Dr. PROUT. Yes, it was a unanimous recommendation.

These recommendations, Senator Nelson, are listed verbatim on page 3 of my prepared statement.

Senator NELSON. Page 3?

Dr. PROUT. Yes, of my prepared statement.

Senator NELSON. And those recommendations were made in 1972?

Dr. PROUT. Yes, in the fall of 1972.

Senator NELSON. So that is 4 years ago?

Dr. PROUT. Yes.

Senator NELSON. Has the FDA taken any action that you are aware of in respect to those recommendations?

Dr. PROUT. Some, but not all of these medications have been placed in schedule II, and they appear to have drawn the line between those that had an abuse potential, and those already known to be under abuse in the street.

The FDA apparently saw themselves as a surveillance agency that could in fact watch street traffic, and, if necessary act on the basis of new information by rescheduling the agents in III and IV to schedule II if necessary.

Senator NELSON. You are identifying in your statement those that were placed on schedule II following the recommendations of the ad hoc committee, and those that were not? Do we have a list of them?

Dr. PROUT. Yes, we do.

Senator NELSON. Are they in your statement?

Dr. PROUT. No; the actual schedules are not in the statement, but they are readily available from the FDA. I could make a reasonably accurate compilation of them, but I think you would prefer to go to the official record.

Mr. GORDON. As I understand it, Mr. Chairman, the amphetamines, phenmetrazine—Preludin—and methylphenidate—Ritalin—which Ritalin incidentally is for weight control, were put in schedule II, and the so-called nonamphetamines such as Ionamin, Pondimin, Tenuate, and others were put in schedules III or IV.

Dr. PROUT. Yes, all of the rest are either III or IV, including the newer ones that were under study at that time.

Senator NELSON. Go ahead.

Dr. PROUT. I think that placing some of these drugs in schedule II had two effects. First, there was a fall in the sales of those which were