

Dr. ELLINWOOD. I think we could get evidence of that. I think the most important thing is whether they have sufficient euphoria properties which indicate they will be abused. I think we do have tests now in both the clinical laboratories as well as basic research laboratories, that can provide us with fairly good evidence of the potency of these compounds in at least a few patterns of behavior.

There are fairly good tests now, that can give you a reasonable picture before they come on the market, but we do not have a complete picture for all of the compounds that are on the market.

Mr. GORDON. Well, don't you think we should have a picture before we put a compound on the market, is that not required by law?

Dr. ELLINWOOD. I think that is a reasonable assumption.

Mr. GORDON. Thank you.

Senator NELSON. The amphetamines, of course, have been on the marketplace long before the 1938 requirement of proof of safety, and much longer before the 1962 provision for efficacy. As to the amphetamines, we are dealing with a drug that did not have to meet at that time a safety and efficacy standard.

Are there any statistics available that would indicate, that would show what percentage of the drugs used for anorectic purposes were in fact highly stimulating amphetamines?

Dr. ELLINWOOD. What percentage?

Senator NELSON. Yes. People go to a physician for treatment of obesity, and get prescriptions for drugs. What percentage of those prescriptions for that purpose are in fact amphetamines, the highly active stimulants?

Dr. ELLINWOOD. I think those prescribing habits have changed dramatically, at least since 1968.

There has been a shift in the prescribing habits.

Senator NELSON. That was because they were put on schedule II?

Dr. ELLINWOOD. Yes, because they were put on schedule II, and the absolute production of these compounds was of course reduced.

I think there has been a gradual shift to the less potent compounds, but I do not have statistics on that.

Senator NELSON. We will ask the FDA when they appear next week.

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Chairman, I ask that the two articles by Dr. Ellinwood be placed in the record at the appropriate place.

Senator NELSON. The two articles will be made a part of the record.

We thank you very much, Dr. Ellinwood, for appearing and presenting your testimony.

Dr. ELLINWOOD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator NELSON. Our next witness will be Reverend Reginald Yake, executive director, Teen Challenge Training Center, Rehrersburg, Pa.

Reverend Yake, your statement will be printed in full in the record.

You may present it however you desire, and if you wish to make additions to the statement, extemporaneously, you may do so.

STATEMENT OF REVEREND REGINALD YAKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEEN CHALLENGE TRAINING CENTER, REHRERSBURG, PA.

Reverend YAKE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I just wanted to state I am appearing for others.