

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

(Present Status of Competition in the Pharmaceutical Industry)

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Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10 a.m., in room 318, Russell Senate Office Building, Hon. Gaylord Nelson, chairman, presiding.

Present: Senator Nelson.

Also present: Benjamin Gordon, staff economist; and Karen Young, research assistant.

Senator NELSON. The subcommittee will please come to order.

Our first witness today is Dr. John Henderson, of Ottawa, Canada.

Dr. Henderson, the subcommittee is very pleased to have you here today to testify at these hearings.

Your statement will be printed in full in the record. You may present it however you desire.¹

STATEMENT OF JOHN W. D. HENDERSON, M.D., OTTAWA, CANADA

Dr. HENDERSON. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Indeed, it is a pleasure for me to come to Washington, and I would like to make one or two points prior to getting into the statement I have written.

The first thing I would like to say is that I am a physician. I am not a public servant in Canada. I still practice medicine.

My postgraduate work was done in Chicago and in Boston, and I now practice in Ottawa.

I do not represent the Government of Canada, although I am a consultant to our Department of Health and Welfare. Many of the decisions we made some 4 years ago regarding the type of drugs we are interested in this morning, I was involved in, and, therefore, I must take some responsibility for them.

I am also here representing the Canadian Medical Association, for I am the chairman of the special committee of that organization concerning drug therapy; this is known as the Subcommittee on Pharmacotherapy. Thus I would like to speak this morning more as a physician than as a representative of the Government of Canada, although what I want to talk about was very much a joint decision made by the medical profession in my country, and the Government of Canada.

¹ See prepared statement and attachments of Dr. Henderson beginning at 14729.