

We have more than a hundred hearing requests on drugs like that, and these are two of them.

Perhaps the hardest job we have to do from the standpoint of just plain slow work is to handle hearing requests, and particularly when safety issues are not at stake, we treat them with a low priority. That is the reason for the delays.

These two drugs are not delayed any longer than any others in that whole group.

Senator NELSON. When do you estimate you will be acting on these?

Dr. CROUT. On Dexamy I we have denied a hearing, but have stayed the final order pending judicial review. Perhaps Mr. Merrill can comment on that, I think a final order on Eskatrol, we are hopeful of getting out reasonably soon.

I think I would rather put our work on the amphetamines in general. Obviously, if amphetamines, in general are removed from the market, that would overtake these two actions.

Mr. GORDON. Thank you.

Senator NELSON. Thank you very much. We appreciate your taking time to come.

Dr. CROUT. Thank you.

Senator NELSON. I have a long-distance telephone call that I have to make before noon.

Since I am on a diet myself, we will adjourn for 10 minutes and resume the hearings.

We will recess for 10 minutes.

[Whereupon, the subcommittee was in short recess.]

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Senator NELSON. The subcommittee will resume its hearings.

Our next witness is Mr. Frederick A. Rody, Acting Deputy Director, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rody, you are welcome here, and I appreciate your taking time to come.

Your statement will be printed in full in the record.

You may present it however you desire, please identify for the reporter your associates, so that whatever comments they have to make will be accurately attributed in the record.

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Mr. RODY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the subcommittee, my name is Frederick A. Rody, Jr., and I am the Acting Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration within the Department of Justice.