

anti-obesity drugs. Three sources have been employed to gather the information I will summarize:

1. The Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), jointly sponsored by DEA and the National Institute on Drug Abuse, receives all drug mentions from selected emergency rooms, crisis centers, and medical examiners throughout the nation and publishes this information on a monthly basis.

2. The System to Retrieve Information from Drug Evidence (STRIDE) constitutes a compilation of reports on all drugs received for examination by all DEA domestic and foreign laboratories.

3. A recent telephone survey of DEA's domestic regions.

Mr. Chairman, there has been a 28% increase in DAWN mentions of amphetamines in the last twelve months. The increase of chronic effects as the reason for seeking emergency help strongly suggests that ever greater numbers of abusers have access to a continuing supply of amphetamines. At the same time, our laboratories report the appearance of less illicitly manufactured amphetamines and there are