

twisted by the morals of the marketplace. It is that medical science is being prostituted.

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There are, Mr. Chairman, many related aspects on which others far more competent than I may wish to comment.

There are the matters of drug prices and the handsome profits that global drug companies have been extracting by means of their promotional practices in Latin America. This may be blood money, indeed.

There are the matters of ethics and morality, and how drug companies view their social responsibilities--to their corporate officers, their stockholders, and to patients here and abroad.

There is the matter of telling the truth--all the truth--and of deciding whether the truth depends on international borders, whether what is truth in one country may be untruth in another. Thus, I find great difficulty in comprehending how a company can describe one of its products as dangerous in San Diego but safe a few miles across the border in Tijuana. Or how it can promote the product as effective in only four conditions in Washington, D.C., in ten in Mexico, and in seventeen in Central America.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, there is one additional aspect that I am sure has not escaped your attention. Over the years, you