

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

(Present Status of Competition in the Pharmaceutical Industry)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1979

U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:07 a.m. in room 5110, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Hon. Gaylord Nelson, chairman, presiding.

Present: Senators Nelson, Bumpers, Stewart, Weicker, Hatch, Hayakawa, and Boschwitz.

Also present: Gerald D. Sturges, professional staff member; Stanley A. Twardy, Jr., minority counsel; and Judith K. Hillegonds, staff assistant.

Senator NELSON. We will resume the hearings this morning with a panel of witnesses consisting of Dr. John Adriani, Department of Health and Human Resources, office of Charity Hospital at New Orleans; Mr. Morris Boynoff, pharmacist, Mendocino, Calif.; Dr. William T. Beaver, associate professor of pharmacology and anesthesia, Georgetown University Schools of Medicine and Dentistry; and Dr. Michael Newman, internist, Washington, D.C.

If you gentlemen would all join at the witness table, we would take your presentations one at a time and then each of you may comment on any other's testimony as you desire.

Gentlemen, the committee is very pleased to have you here this morning and appreciates your taking the time from your very busy schedules to come and testify on this pending matter.

I would ask Dr. Adriani to present his statement first unless you had some particular order in which you wanted to proceed.

It is nice to see you again. Dr. Adriani, and you may proceed and present your statement. Let me say for purposes of the hearing record, we are happy to have you or any of the other witnesses comment on any of the statements made by previous witnesses. Yesterday, Dr. Moertel presented very strong testimony based upon studies done at the Mayo Clinic and reached a very strong conclusion about Darvon, which is set forth on the last page of his statement. At some stage, when you have completed all your testimony, I would like to have your comment on his conclusions.

Go ahead, Dr. Adriani.