

what he prescribes by the fact that we have given him a couple of free drinks?"

My answer to that is, "I hope not, but if giving the doctors free drinks and free barbecues and free parties influences their prescribing habits, then it is clearly unethical and wrong. If it does not influence them, it is a waste of the stockholders' money, or an overcharge to the patient on the price of the medication, and I just cannot see how any kind of moral society can accept this kind of an arrangement."

Doctors make a good living, and I do not see why they need any kind of charity.

Senator NELSON. That is another rollcall vote, Dr. Garb. We will recess until 1 o'clock. There will be another rollcall, I assume, another 40 minutes after this so we will resume at 1 o'clock.

Dr. GARB. I will be at your service, sir.

Senator NELSON. Do you have time to stay?

Dr. GARB. Yes, sir, I will be at your service.

Senator NELSON. We will resume at 1 o'clock.

(Whereupon, at 12 :20 p.m., the subcommittee recessed, to reconvene at 1 p.m., the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senator NELSON. We will resume the hearings. We will call Dr. Fitelson.

Dr. Garb, will you stay where you are?

Dr. Fitelson of the Fitelson Laboratories, Inc., of New York City.

Dr. Fitelson, we appreciate very much your taking the time to come here today. We thought we would ask Dr. Garb to sit there. He may have an observation to make or respond to a question or two, if you do not mind. Dr. Fitelson, you may proceed to present your statement which I see is very brief here, and I assume that you will want to present an explanation of the studies you made for the Medical Letter in addition to your statement; is that correct?

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Dr. FITELSON. There will not be too much.

Senator NELSON. Go ahead and proceed.

Dr. FITELSON. I have a small food and drug testing laboratory in New York City. I myself am a Ph. D. in chemistry and my two associates have their master's degrees in chemistry. We have been in this laboratory now for some 16 years. Prior to that I was a chemist for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, in New York City mainly. I was in charge of laboratories in New York for about 17 years.

As part of our work we test various drugs, and for the past years we have been testing drugs for the Medical Letter, which is a publication, a weekly publication put out by the Drug and Therapeutic Information, Inc., of New York City, which is a nonprofit organization.

The results of our findings have been published in various issues of the Medical Letter.

I might explain that our laboratories receive coded vials of tablets. We know what they are supposed to be; that is, prednisone or Miltown