

Now, if we are to do it, then I also feel that the cost of it should be borne by industry, which would be in effect, excused from a present \$6-million-a-year program of package inserts.

Senator JAVITS. The way you make them do it would be by imposing a duty and charging a fee or a tax?

Dr. GODDARD. Yes; some sort of arrangement—let's say a registration fee which could be related to the number of drugs that they produce and the unit number, so that it would be a sliding scale.

Senator JAVITS. But that would take legislation.

Dr. GODDARD. That would require legislation. I would also like to see, if that is done, a revolving fund created so that those fees could be used specifically for the purpose of the publication of the compendium.

Senator JAVITS. Your agency comes under the Labor and Public Welfare Committee, does it not? That is where you were confirmed, was it not?

Dr. GODDARD. Under Senator Hill.

Senator JAVITS. Labor and Public Welfare?

Dr. GODDARD. Yes; Labor and Public Welfare.

Senator JAVITS. I am the ranking minority member of that committee, and I was just going to suggest to the Chair—he is a member of the same committee—that we might consider information which would deal with the question. And if it did come before our committee, as it probably would, I think we could bring about fairly expeditious hearings and then you would come to grips with the industry, and they would have to fish or cut bait.

Thank you.

Senator NELSON. Well, I might say to the Senator I have already introduced a bill proposing a compendium, but after discussions with knowledgeable people who do not consider the bill to be adequate, we are preparing another one. I would certainly be pleased to join with the distinguished Senator from New York in making such a proposal.

As Dr. Goddard said, for 10 years the Council on Drugs of the American Medical Association has been saying we need a compendium. There is no dissent in the scientific community about the feasibility of it. All the testimony we have had time after time from distinguished pharmacologists and physicians before this committee is that we need one. Dr. Goddard's position has been that he would like to see the industry do it.

But, Dr. Goddard, if you find out from your next meeting with the academy that they just are not going to do it, I certainly think that Senator Javits and I and whoever else is interested ought to put in legislation to develop the compendium. I do not see why we should wait another 10 years for that.

Do you agree with that?

Dr. GODDARD. I will be happy to keep you advised of the outcome of the meeting.

Senator NELSON. I think it would be worth while for you to mention Senator Javits' comments and mine at the next meeting with the industry.

Dr. GODDARD. Senator, I am sure they will know about it even before the next meeting.