

Senator NELSON. You mean your organization publishes it, the National Formulary?

Dr. APPLE. That is right, sir.

Mr. GORDON. That is one of the official compendia of the United States; is it not?

Dr. APPLE. The National Formulary is one of the official compendia recognized under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Senator NELSON. How long have you published the National Formulary?

Dr. APPLE. Since its inception.

Senator NELSON. And was the National Formulary authorized by the act of Congress?

Dr. APPLE. Yes.

The United States Pharmacopeia and National Formulary are two of the official compendia that are recognized under the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic act.

Senator NELSON. Do you in any of your publications regularly publish scientific material respecting drugs for distribution to the pharmacists?

Dr. APPLE. Yes, sir.

In both of the Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association, material which will be of interest to the practicing pharmacist and in the Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences material which will be of particular interest to researchers, educators, scientists as a whole, not only in pharmacy, but in many other disciplines.

Senator NELSON. Go ahead, Doctor, and present your statement as you see fit.

We welcome Senator Hatfield here this morning.

Dr. APPLE. Mr. Chairman, we are pleased to have this opportunity to present the views of our profession on some of the issues involved in these hearings. The subcommittee's invitation to us listed specific topics you wished us to cover and we are happy to respond.

We can assure you that the Nation's pharmacists have been following closely the hearings of this subcommittee. Many of the questions that have been asked of witnesses here publicly have been asked from pharmaceutical association platforms and in other forums for years. Fortunately, the subcommittee has access to information and resources to generate a more informative dialog on many of the issues.

The records of these hearings contain a wealth of information about the pharmaceutical industry, its marketing structure, its economics, and its contributions to our society. And, the record for the industry is being made by those most capable of presenting an accurate and detailed explanation for individual firms involved in the hearings. Our profession, as well as the public, is learning a great deal from the testimony and resultant discussion of these hearings.

Senator NELSON. Dr. Apple, may I interrupt for just a moment? Have you read all of the published hearings thus far?

Dr. APPLE. I have read most of the statements, Senator.

Senator NELSON. We are interested as a committee in the best scientific presentation of the varying viewpoints about the problems we are considering. Are you familiar with the professional reputation of the professional witnesses who have appeared here?