

one side has been heard to date. I just make that point. I think it is a simple point. If you say that the Academy and the AMA and these other people are going to be heard, I think the other side will be heard.

Senator NELSON. Well, why didn't you tell the druggists, at the meeting of the National Association of Retail Druggists that I have repeatedly stated that every single valid viewpoint would be appropriately represented? We cannot hold the hearing in the stadium and have everybody speak at once. What you are arguing about is the order in which they have been heard. The point I want to make clear to the public is that this chairman has said from the first day that we will hear every single member of your association and every drug manufacturer in America. And they did not come. I cannot help that. But to leave the impression that the hearings have been filled with distortion and bias, when your own members refused to come is preposterous. And when I asked a half dozen of their representatives, "When would you like to come?" they said, "Senator, we do not want to come." You know that as well as I do.

Mr. STETLER. Senator, they have said they would like to have the PMA present the case for them. And we are happy to be here today to have that chance.

Senator NELSON. Mr. Stetler, I am happy to have you here today, but on the first page you say, "I am not of course in a position to answer charges or questions addressed to any particular company."

Mr. STETLER. That is right—against any particular company. But the charges and the issues before this committee are much broader than that.

We are prepared with six men here, all highly trained in their field, to tell you in some considerable detail about the major issues that have been raised in the hearings.

Senator NELSON. We are glad to have you. But my point is that we had particular companies first because we had particular issues we wanted to raise. And, furthermore we were willing to hear these companies on all the general issues as well. Every one of your major companies has people who are prepared to discuss all the issues affecting that company, or the industry as a whole.

Mr. STETLER. It would have been a complete waste of your time to bring in 136 companies. We can do it if we have the chance today to present this testimony.

Senator NELSON. You did not even want to bring in any of them really. We have had an open invitation since last May, and yet you are complaining that the viewpoint of the industry has not been heard. You are not the industry. You are a hired representative of the industry. You represent the firms who account for 95 percent of the production in the industry, as I understand it. But the people who manufacture the drugs and their scientists, their chemists, their pharmacologists, their researchers, their business managers, their presidents, are in the companies you represent. Nobody in the world can speak better for the industry than these distinguished people.

You have left the impression all over this country—the implication is perfectly clear in your speeches—that this committee, meaning Senator Nelson, has loaded the record with biased material. You would