

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1968

U.S. SENATE,
MONOPOLY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:10 a.m., in room 318, Old Senate Office Building, Senator Gaylord P. Nelson (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Senator Nelson.

Also present: Benjamin Gordon, staff economist; James H. Grossman, minority counsel; Susan H. Hewman, research assistant; and William B. Cherkasky, legislative director, staff of Senator Nelson.

Senator NELSON. Our first witness this morning is Dr. James Weston, Utah State medical examiner.

Dr. Weston, the committee appreciates very much your taking the time to come here today.

I have studied your testimony and know that it will be a very valuable contribution to the record we are compiling with respect to a number of subjects involving the drug industry. You may proceed to present your statement in any way you wish.

At such places in your statement where you would wish to elaborate in a way that would be helpful to understanding in the record, we would be glad to have you do so. I realize that if you wrote all the detail that you knew about any particular subject you would have a much longer statement than you might be willing to spend the time to prepare.

But some elaboration would be helpful for the record in those cases where you would like to extemporize and explain in more detail any aspect of your statement. I assume you would have no objection if we should interrupt from time to time with a question?

Dr. WESTON. No, sir.

Senator NELSON. Thank you very much, Doctor.

STATEMENT OF DR. JAMES T. WESTON, STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER, UTAH STATE DIVISION OF HEALTH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Dr. WESTON. Do you desire that I read the entire statement into the record?

Senator NELSON. That is probably the best way to proceed, unless you would prefer otherwise.

Dr. WESTON. No; this is fine.