

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1968

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

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 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. The hearings of the Subcommittee on Monopoly will come to order.

This morning we have as our witness Dr. James L. Goddard, Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Dr. Goddard, we are very pleased to have you back again to testify before the committee.

You may proceed as you see fit. I trust you would have no objection to interruptions for questions.

**STATEMENT OF DR. JAMES L. GODDARD, COMMISSIONER OF THE
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE; ACCOMPANIED BY WIL-
LIAM W. GOODRICH, GENERAL COUNSEL, AND DR. HERBERT L.
LEY, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF MEDICINE**

Dr. GODDARD. Thank you, Senator Nelson.

I would like to introduce my colleagues, Mr. William Goodrich, the general counsel for the Food and Drug Administration, on my left, and on my right, Dr. Herbert Ley, Director of the Bureau of Medicine.

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the opportunity of appearing before your committee today to discuss the Food and Drug Administration's action and intentions in regulating the interstate distribution on the antibiotic drug, chloramphenicol.

The Nation has watched with great interest the testimony unfolding before this committee in the past weeks. The committee's hearings have brought renewed attention to important questions that concern us all: Is this a drug too dangerous to remain on the market? Should its use be restricted in some way? Are the FDA, the medical profession, and