

I just want to say, Doctor, I read your statement last night and I found it to be most readable and I consider it an excellent statement overall. I am not sure that you are representative of the average doctor, but I certainly was impressed with it as a probative argument.

I think that your decision to enter in the medical profession was probably a loss that the legal profession had to sustain.

Thank you very much.

Dr. HAGOOD. Thank you, Senator, you are most kind.

I would like to make a statement if I might, please, sir.

Senator NELSON. Yes.

Dr. HAGOOD. First of all, I want to thank you for the opportunity of coming before this group. To me this represents, and this gives very positive evidence of, the great country that we have here. That an individual from a little hamlet in our country can come before a committee of the Senate of the United States of America and state his views. I thank you very much for this.

Senator NELSON. Thank you, too, Doctor. I think, it being my experience in committees of Congress, that almost all chairmen, given the time, are willing to hear all the viewpoints and try to get all the viewpoints although sometimes some people around the country have an impression we don't. But again thank you very much.

Dr. HAGOOD. Thank you.

(Whereupon, at 11:10 a.m., the committee was adjourned, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Thursday, February 20, 1968.)