

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

(Present Status of Competition in the Pharmaceutical Industry)

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

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 9:40 a.m., in room 2221, New Senate Office Building, Senator Gaylord Nelson (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Senators Nelson, McIntyre, and Dole.

Also present: Benjamin Gordon, staff economist; Elaine C. Dye, clerical assistant; and James P. Duffy III, minority counsel.

Senator NELSON. Our first witness this morning is Dr. Clark of the University of Kentucky Medical Center, a distinguished neurologist.

Dr. Clark, we are very pleased to have you here before the committee this morning. If you could either extemporaneously or in writing submit a brief biographical background for the hearing record, that would be helpful.

STATEMENT OF DR. DAVID B. CLARK, PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY MEDICAL CENTER, LEXINGTON, KY.

Dr. CLARK. I think that can be a rather brief statement, Senator Nelson.

I am now in my later fifties. I was trained in medicine and neurology at the University of Chicago, at Johns Hopkins, and at the National Hospital in Queen Square in London; I was for 18 years an attending neurologist at Johns Hopkins, and for the last 4 years, I have been Professor of Neurology at the University of Kentucky Medical School.

I want it to be perfectly clear that I am a neurologist. I am not an internist, an expert on blood-clotting, an obstetrician, an indocrinologist, a statistician, or an epidemiologist. I deal exclusively with disorders in the nervous system.

The second point I would like to make is with regard to the drugs under discussion; as I am sure you are all aware, the oral contraceptives, commonly referred to as The Pill, are, for all practical purposes, a combination of a progestogen and an estrogen, originally given together, in recent years given, on occasion, sequentially. Most of the material I shall discuss which is all human material, derives from the period in which the drugs were given together.