

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 9:35 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. Come to order, please.

Our first witness this morning is Dr. Louis Hellman. Professor Hellman is professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the State University of New York. Dr. Hellman has served as Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Hellman, we are very pleased to have you come here to testify today. We appreciate your taking the time to do so. I realize it is an imposition on everybody's busy schedule.

You may present your statement in any way you desire. If you wish to extemporize from it at any time or elaborate on anything you have said, feel free to do so. Your statement will be printed in full in the record.

I assume that if any members have questions, you do not mind being interrupted in the course of your testimony.

STATEMENT OF DR. LOUIS M. HELLMAN, PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Dr. HELLMAN. Delighted, sir.

Senator NELSON. If you will, pull the microphone toward you and speak directly into it so you may be heard.

Dr. HELLMAN. Please let me know if I cannot be heard.

Senator Nelson and members of the subcommittee, it is a pleasure to appear before your subcommittee to discuss the oral contraceptives. As Senator Nelson said, I am at present professor and chairman of

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