

Senator DOLE. I think he also says, frightened off the pill by scare articles. Maybe they have been getting some foreign newspapers, because you have indicated that all of ours are pro-pill.

Dr. WILLIAMS. You say that, Senator?

Senator DOLE. No, I say that you have said all our press is pro-pill. Maybe these women were scared off by stories they read in foreign newspapers.

Dr. WILLIAMS. When I refer to the pro-pill press, I am referring to the segment of the press which has been pro-pill. Not all of the press, by any means, thank God.

Senator DOLE. I did not see that qualification.

Dr. WILLIAMS. I apologize for the omission.

Dr. Kistner said that the pill "is safer than pregnancy" and that "mortality is of the same order of magnitude with IUDs as with the pill."

Yet this morning we heard an explanation for the IUD deaths and the 10 that were indicated to the committee were all related to perforation of the uterus, which Dr. Hellman said could be avoided in many instances, and the peritonitis problem and the deaths that have been involved have been ameliorated by greater care on the part of physicians. This is another example of an irrelevant kind of comparison that does not really shed any light on risks of the pill.

Senator McINTYRE. Doctor, we shall stop here and recess until 2:30.

(Whereupon, at 12:15 p.m. a recess was taken in the hearing, to reconvene at 2:30 p.m. this same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senator NELSON. You may proceed.

At the time we scheduled this we neglected to note that the President would be giving the State of the Union Message. We had to interrupt for that. Otherwise I ordinarily go through the noon hour. We have to finish these witnesses today.

Dr. Wynn is from out of the country, and Dr. Goldzieher is from out of town, so if you will summarize.

The full statement, as you know, will be printed in the record. I hate to do that but that is the only way we are going to be able to finish today and I have other commitments later this afternoon so if you could summarize the balance we will print everything in your statement in the record.

STATEMENT OF DR. J. HAROLD WILLIAMS—Resumed

Dr. WILLIAMS. I will do my best, Senator, to summarize it. It is a difficult matter, but there are certain things I will say in addition to the printed statement.

Senator NELSON. All right.

Dr. WILLIAMS. I would like to clarify a couple of points that may have been points of confusion this morning, Senator Nelson. One is to make it perfectly clear on the matter of my role as an attorney in litigation. I no longer have any financial interest nor will I in the future have any financial interest in litigation against pill manufacturers. I did say that I had withdrawn from the cases in which I was associated as counsel, and in doing so I did not retain any financial interest.