

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

(Present Status of Competition in the Pharmaceutical Industry)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1970

**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. Come to order, please.

Our first witness this morning is Dr. Hilton Salhanick. Dr. Salhanick, we are very pleased to have you here this morning. Just take a seat.

Would you like to just put a brief biological [laughter] both biological and biographical statement into the record, biographical first?

STATEMENT OF DR. HILTON A. SALHANICK, PROFESSOR OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Dr. SALHANICK. My name is Hilton Salhanick. I am professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard University. I hold appointments in the center for population studies and the department of population sciences in the school of public health and the department of obstetrics and gynecology in the medical school.

I have been asked to discuss the chemical and biological activities of the contraceptive steroids.

Senator NELSON. Your statement will be printed in full in the record, and if you wish to elaborate, extemporize on any aspects as you go along, feel free to do so, and I assume you will have no objection if we ask you questions as they occur to us.

Dr. SALHANICK. I would be delighted.

I accept this assignment with a sense of considerable responsibility because of the large number of couples who are currently dependent on these drugs for contraception.

In December 1969 under the sponsorship of the Center for Population Research of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Harvard Center for Population Studies, a con-