If you wish to extemporize at any time on anything in your statement, please feel free to do so.

(The biographical sketch of Dr. Elizabeth Connell follows:)

CURRICULUM VITAE OF ELIZABETH B. CONNELL, M.D.

College: University of Pennsylvania, 1943–47. Degree: A.B. Medical school: University of Pennsylvania, 1947–51. Degree: M.D. Internship: Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. Rotating: 1951–52.

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Board certification: Obstetrics and Gynecology, 1965.

Practice: General Practice and Anesthesia, Blue Hill, Maine, 1953-58.

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Appointments: Medical Advisory Board, Planned Parenthood, New York City, 1964. Executive Committee, American Association of Planned Parenthood Physicians, 1968. National Advisory Council, Center for Family Planning Program Development, Planned Parenthood World Population, 1968. Consultant on Family Planning, New York City Department of Health. Family Planning Project Consultant, Human Resources Administration. Committee on Medical & Public Health, Executive Committee, Association for Voluntary Sterilization, Inc.

Professional societies (Membership): American Medical Association, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American College of Surgeons, American Public Health Association, American Association of Planned Parenthood Physicians, American Fertility Society, American Medical Women's Association, Inc., Medical Women's International Association, Public Health Association of New York City, The Society for Scientific Study of Sex, Inc., New York Academy of Sciences, Medical Society of the State of New York, Population Crisis Committee.

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Dr. Connell. Mr. Chairman, I would first like to thank you for your kind invitation to appear before you today. I fully recognize the tremendous importance to all of us of the course and the outcome of these hearings.

Upon the receipt of such an invitation, one has a moment of introspection—first, why me, and then, what should I talk about?

After much thought, I decided there were four areas in which I might possibly be able to make some small contribution based on my own personal experience. First and foremost, I am a physician. I was a general practitioner in rural Maine for 5 years and I am now a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology in New York City. It has been my privilege to care for some of the wealthiest people in our