

Hellman's statement or about Dr. Corfman's. That is all I am saying. Those within the profession, those who are keeping up, know, but much of the medical profession and the public does not. That is why it is news. You are saying the news has been negative. That is the reason, because that is news. That it is safe has not been news, because that had been alleged in the news for 10 years.

That would be my guess as to why, when it is written about, that is the way it is written. I would much prefer that we put it in total balance. I would think that would be much better.

Dr. CONNELL. I could not agree with you more.

Senator NELSON. However, it is not.

Dr. CONNELL. I can only say that as an objective observer of the impact of the hearings to date, that I would not consider the balance at the moment, to be quite dead center. This is obviously only my opinion.

Senator NELSON. Sure.

Senator DOLE. I would like to add that, as you said, it depends on where we are seated. We see it one way, we listen to the testimony of experts. You are out in the field. I would suppose that many doctors have learned a lot about these hearings, and they have had a lot of phone calls based on what has been said in these hearings, and they have probably studied a little more about the pill than they had studied before. I think we are getting balance in the hearings, and I think your presence here will be very helpful in assuring this balance.

There has been a great amount of concern expressed across the country because of these hearings.

As you point out later in your statement, we are just now beginning to realize that there will probably be some unwanted pregnancies because of the publicity generated by these hearings.

Senator NELSON. I am very sorry; we shall have to interrupt you. That is a rollcall vote.

Maybe everybody could grab a little bit of lunch and return at 1:30 p.m.

Does that interfere with any plans you may have?

Dr. CONNELL. No, I think it is a marvelous idea.

(Whereupon, at 12:30 p.m., the hearing recessed until 1:30 p.m. February 24, 1970.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senator NELSON. May we have order, please.

Doctor, I apologize for interrupting your testimony.

STATEMENT OF DR. ELIZABETH B. CONNELL—Resumed

Dr. CONNELL. That was perfectly all right, Mr. Chairman.

Senator NELSON. Please go right ahead.

Dr. CONNELL. I think we were at the point of discussing the positive and the negative information as I saw it. I would like to go back to the statement that the relevance and the ultimate significance of both the positive and the negative data were not always