

Dr. CONNELL. I can only say that it is our sincere hope and our prayer to come out of all this with some answers, with the support of the people on the committee and elsewhere, to do what we are competent to do if we are supported.

Senator JAVITS. I am told that it is a fact that this committee does not have legislative oversight over the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. CONNELL. I am aware of this.

Senator JAVITS. But we do, as a Small Business Committee subcommittee, have the ability to recommend legislation to the Small Business Committee, which may then forward these recommendations to the appropriate legislative committee. It so happens I am also the ranking member of the appropriate legislative committee.

Dr. CONNELL. I am happy to know this.

Senator NELSON. We have had only one witness who has recommended that the pill not be used. Everybody we have had has been propill, some with reservations, some without. But only one has recommended that they be removed from the market. I expect that will be the next attack I shall get.

We have been attacked for being propill, for being antipill, so I feel comfortably balanced, in the middle.

Senator JAVITS. The Senator is too experienced a Senator to suffer from that.

Senator NELSON. I want to thank you very much for your capable contribution. I thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to come.

Would you wait just a moment? Senator Dole has some questions.

Dr. CONNELL. Certainly,

Senator DOLE. On page two, you made an interesting point. Your rationale might be of some interest to the committee. You say that the pill gives a woman opportunity to learn, to hold responsible jobs, and so on. Many indicate that this is their first opportunity to participate in these roles and to become, as you describe them, happy and productive members of society.

Do you care to elaborate on that statement? Do you find this to be true from your own experience?

Dr. CONNELL. Yes, this is a more recent area of interest of mine, and one which I think is increasingly important as we look at the problems of cities. We have been involved in the last few years in the actual training of these individuals.

There is a program in New York City, to which I am consultant, which takes women from the ghetto, and trains them as family planning counselors. These women are now actually working in most of the major hospitals in New York City in actual patient training and recruitment. They are highly effective people.

I have also been consultant to the Talent Corps, which is a Department of Labor-funded group, which for several years has been active in the training of these paraprofessional people, and the vast majority of these women do come from ghetto communities.

Many from welfare rolls. It has been one of the most exciting things, actually, that I have ever been involved in, to see these women come out of abject poverty. Many have never been creative