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(A subsequent statement submitted by Senator Nelson follows:)

STATEMENT BY SENATOR GAYLORD NELSON

During the hearings on the oral contraceptives, there was some discussion as to how many women stopped taking the pill as a result of the hearings. Extravagant claims were made that a considerable number of women went off the pill, and this would result in many unwanted pregnancies.

The history of the pill indicates that the vast majority of women would have gone off the pill over the years, hearings or no hearings. Studies indicate that 25% to 50% of women who start to use the pill have over the years stopped its use within 3 or 4 to 24 months. In fact, as far back as April 1, 1963 the Director of Marketing Research for Searle and Company in a memorandum to the firm's medical director stated that:

"We discovered that as high as 70 to 75 percent of all patients who take Enovid do not continue its use beyond three months."

Indications are that a substantial percentage of those who go off the pill do so because of undesirable physiologic reactions they experience. This necessitates initiating an extensive research and development program which has been neglected during the last 10 years while the pill has been on the market.

A recent survey released on April 29, 1970 indicated a small drop in the use