

General DRAPER. There is not so much difference in the figures, Senator.

Senator JAVITS. No, let us not get to the difference.

General DRAPER. There is a difference in the conclusion sometimes.

Senator JAVITS. The point is when you speak of risk, you do not speak of it up in the air.

General DRAPER. That is right.

Senator JAVITS. You speak of an actuarial proposition.

General DRAPER. That is correct.

Senator JAVITS. And the question that has to be balanced, as against the admitted risk, even by the most extreme commentator, what is the proportion who are adverse; is that correct, sir?

General DRAPER. That is correct, and what are the benefits from those taking the risk.

Senator JAVITS. Right.

Senator NELSON. Please proceed.

General DRAPER. This committee has clearly proved that we need better methods of preventing conception. This committee can perform a great public service if it will adopt and equally—and I use the word “report to the public”, that is what I had in mind—equally publicize the broad conclusion that the scientific community, whose medical miracles have reduced death rate and brought about the population explosion, must now concentrate on making new contraceptive breakthroughs and so bringing the birth rate back into balance.

The scientists must be told this quest is so important that they must go all out; the sky is the limit. After all we have been spending a billion dollars a year in research to reduce the death rate; we can afford whatever it takes for research now to help bring down the birth rate. This committee has attracted the attention of the ears and the eyes of the American people. If it will now champion the need for better contraceptives publicly and here in the Congress the necessary increased appropriations for more contraceptive research can and will be made available.

This is something necessary for the future welfare and perhaps even the survival of the people of this country, and for all the people of the world, as well. Scientific contraceptive research is not a controversial issue. It is not a political issue. It should, and I believe will, have complete bipartisan support.

President Nixon in his message last year to the Congress on population gave contraceptive research a very high priority. He said, “First, increased research is essential. It is clear that we need additional research on birth control methods of all types * * *.”

Senator Tydings in the Senate and Congressmen Scheuer and Bush in the House of Representatives have introduced proposed legislation to this end, with some 90 cosponsors from both parties. Senator Jacob Javits and Representative Steiger have introduced an administration bill on family planning which, hopefully, can be combined by some administrative adjustments with the Tydings bill and should then receive general bipartisan support.

I congratulate the chairman on his recent sponsorship and testimony on behalf of the Tydings bill and hope that the entire subcom-