

COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS IN THE DRUG INDUSTRY

(Present Status of Competition in the Pharmaceutical Industry)

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U.S. SENATE,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON MONOPOLY OF THE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10 a.m., in room 6202, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Senator Gaylord Nelson [chairman of the subcommittee] presiding.

Present: Senators Nelson and Beall.

Also present: Chester H. Smith, Staff Director and General Counsel; Benjamin Gordon, Staff Economist; and John O. Adams, Minority Counsel.

Senator NELSON. Our witness this morning is Dr. Charles Edwards, Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. I don't know in what order your associates are seated. If you would have them identify themselves for the record for the reporter, Dr. Edwards.

STATEMENT OF CHARLES C. EDWARDS, M.D., ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE, ACCOMPANIED BY JOHN JENNINGS, M.D., ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR MEDICAL AFFAIRS, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, DHEW; KEITH WIEKEL, M.D., ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR PLANNING AND EVALUATION, LEGISLATION, HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, DHEW; MARK NOVITCH, M.D., DEPUTY ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR MEDICAL AFFAIRS, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, DHEW; VINCE GARDNER, CHIEF, DRUG STUDIES BRANCH, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, DHEW; AND FRANK SAMUEL, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATION (HEALTH) DHEW

Dr. EDWARDS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Senator Beall.

Let me identify my colleagues. On my right, whom you know well, Dr. John Jennings, Associate Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Mark Novitch, who is the Deputy Associate