

Dr. GODDARD. Yes, Mr. Dole. In fact, I have already added to the record an expansion of what Mr. Cohn did say as reported by the Pink Sheet after they called Mr. Cohn in Minneapolis and said, what did Dr. Goddard say out there?

Mr. Cohn said, well, he did qualify his remarks in answer to that question. It was not only not in the context of the present law, but also because we do not know the long-term effects and also, because it is dangerous to use if you are going to drive a vehicle or operate heavy equipment.

That is also part of the record, so Mr. Cohn did recognize that I made such a statement.

Mr. DOLE. I know from reading the record before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and from your testimony here, that you have already touched upon this matter. All we are trying to find out is what the facts are and point out to the public that marihuana is dangerous and alcohol is, too, as far as that is concerned, and not choose up sides on which you prefer.

But I think the record indicates that as far as you are concerned, criminal penalties for possession of marihuana have not been a deterrent. Is that a fair statement?

Dr. GODDARD. That is correct.

Mr. DOLE. Therefore, rather than tightening penalties for other drugs, you feel perhaps we should eliminate or reduce penalties for marihuana, is that it?

Dr. GODDARD. I am asking that they be reevaluated, re-reviewed in the context of what is happening in our society.

Mr. DOLE. I believe many of us believe we are living in a permissive society and this is in large part responsible for the breakdown of law and order and respect and everything else. I hope you are not suggesting that it become a matter of permissiveness, say take it or leave it—

Dr. GODDARD. Every effort should be made to control marihuana, Mr. Dole. I have made this point a number of times I am not saying we should legalize, but as a representative of the Department that is broadly concerned with juvenile delinquency, I cannot help but express concern for the heavy penalties for use of this drug, the use of which is increasing. I cited statistics for one State to show what was happening in that particular State. If you read the record before the other committee, you will recall there was a 140-percent increase in areas of juveniles in 1 year.

All I have to ask is what price are we attaching to this as far as the future cost to society by making felons of these people, by arresting juveniles, whether they actually technically become felons or not? Do we not tend to cast them in the role of involvement with drugs for the rest of their lives, involvement with criminals? Now, are there not better ways of getting at this particular problem? Is this not what the Congress was recognizing in the Narcotics Addiction Rehabilitation Act when it passed it? This is a complicated and difficult problem. But make no mistake, we are not advocating the free use of marihuana or lack of control.

Mr. DOLE. Do you have any estimate of the total percentage of users of all these drugs, LSD, or barbiturates or marihuana in America to-