

Chairman BLATNIK. Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Finlator.

Mr. ERLBORN. Mr. Chairman, could I ask two questions of Mr. Finlator?

Chairman BLATNIK. Yes, Mr. Erlborn.

Mr. ERLBORN. What support services in other bureaus of the FDA will not be transferred pursuant to this plan? Support services for BDAC.

Mr. FINLATOR. The only ones that I can see now, sir, are those positions that we talked about in the laboratories that we are really deferring a decision on using the labs because we have to have lab support every night—every night. We will leave those. There will be some positions, maybe seven over in the Bureau of Science, that we will probably need. And I believe there are about seven—five or seven positions in the Bureau of Medicine that will stay there all the time, because we are going to be needing a close communication with the Bureau of Medicine. Particularly in the newer drugs as they come on the market.

Mr. ERLBORN. How about the Bureau of Regulatory Compliance? Will that be transferred?

Mr. FINLATOR. No.

Mr. ERLBORN. Are there any positions in that bureau—

Mr. FINLATOR. No.

Mr. ERLBORN (continuing). Supportive of BDAC?

Mr. FINLATOR. No, I don't believe so.

Mr. ERLBORN. As I understand it, the merged agency will rely on the FDA labs. At the present time the Bureau of Narcotics does not use the FDA labs?

Mr. FINLATOR. That is correct. I believe that they are using the ATU labs.

Mr. GIORDANO. We use Customs labs and Alcohol and Tobacco Tax labs and will continue to use those.

Mr. ERLBORN. You will continue to use those as well as FDA labs?

Mr. GIORDANO. Yes, sir.

Mr. ERLBORN. Thank you.

Chairman BLATNIK. There being no further questions, we thank you very much, Mr. Finlator. We appreciate your standing by during the 3 days of hearings.

Mr. FINLATOR. Thank you, sir.

Chairman BLATNIK. The record will remain open for further statements to be put in by our colleagues.

There being no further witnesses, the public hearings are concluded at this point.

The subcommittee will now go into executive session, so we will excuse the witnesses and the public who have participated. I thank all you gentlemen for your assistance.

(Thereupon, at 11:55 a.m., the subcommittee went into executive session.)