

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. This is the Chevy Chase Circle store. And the others on Connecticut Avenue.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Are all of these items covered by Federal food stamps?

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Anything that is not edible is not covered. Other things are food stamp items.

Mrs. KELLY. But not imported items.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. Not imported items; yes.

Mrs. KELLY. We have done our homework.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. We tried to choose items that would be used by the low-income people because this is one of the problems in the other studies, that they used imported things that the lower-income people just would not use.

Gerber's strained bananas—these are pretty straight across—65 cents on the 15th of August, 69 cents on the 1st of September—

Mr. FREED. That is store No. 1—please identify it.

Mrs. SCHLOSSBERG. In store No. 1. In stores 1, 2, and 3 they are 65 cents, on the first, 69 cents, and back down to 65 cents.

In stores 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, the price is consistently 65 cents.

And in store No. 9 the fact is that it is 63 cents—consistently on all three dates.

Mr. BAUMGART. Are there any questions?

Mr. ROSENTHAL. I do not have any.

Mr. BAUMGART. Are there any further questions?

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Do you have any at this point?

Mrs. KELLY. I have just one thing that I do not believe either of us covered.

By the way, I was interested in reading the paper the other day that Safeway always has equal prices. My kid went over to the Safeway the other day to buy some apples, canned apples for some pies. And she got one can at 29 cents and one can at 27 cents, both stamped as such. And it was rung up on the register at 29 cents and 27 cents. And she said, "Say, why? That is the same size, the same quality." And they said, "Give her the 27 cents" but even in the same store we have this problem. We have a different problem with price marking. It is simply up to the customer to discover it.

We had 20 items in our list—I would like to point out—in our survey originally, and eight of them we disqualified because they were not in every store every time at the same quantity and quality and so forth. And only two remained constant at all stores. They were in every store in that size and were even. And these are the 10 items of everything that we looked at and they show a 9.1-percent increase on September 1.

Mr. MYERS. Mr. Baumgart, I did not get your association here—who are you?

Mr. BAUMGART. I am a District Democratic leader in the area in which Mrs. Kelly lives. I have five precincts in Southeast Washington. Mrs. Kelly has six precincts in Northeast Washington area and since we are all in what we call the Capitol area, we cooperate on things together.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Do any of you own any stock in Safeway?

Mrs. KELLY. No.

Mr. ROSENTHAL. Do you own any stock in any other food company?

Mrs. KELLY. No.