March 11, 2003
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Room 4202

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Prescription Drugs: Why are they so expensive? What can we do to control costs?

1) Opening Statements

2) The scope of the problem

Barbara F. Adachi, Principal & Regional Managing Director, Deloitte & Touche
Beth Mauer, Senior Manager, Deloitte & Touche
Don Demoro, Executive Director, Institute for Health and Socioeconomic Policy
Earl Lui, Senior Attorney, Consumers Union

3) Who pays the price?

Allen Feezor, Assistant Executive Officer, Health Benefits
California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)

Stan Rosenstein, Acting Deputy Director of Medical Care Services,
Department of Health Services

Robert Mowers, Pharm.D. Coordinator of Managed Care Pharmacy Services,
UC Davis Health System; President, California Society of Health-System Pharmacists
4) **The hardships of coping with high drug costs**

   Edmund Haddad, *Medicare Enrollee*

   Lucille Blass, *Medicare Enrollee*

   Peter Sago, *Member of AARP National Legislative Council*

   Bill Powers, *Legislative Director, California Congress of Seniors*

5) **Factors driving high drug costs**

   Christopher J. Badgley, *Vice President, State Government Affairs, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)*

6) **Trends in drug pricing and efforts to stabilize drug costs**

   Stephen Schondelmeyer, Pharm.D., Ph.D., *Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems; Professor of Pharmaceutical Economics; University of Minnesota*