

Statement of Senator John McCain
September 27, 2000, Commerce Committee Hearing:
Motion Picture Industry: Marketing Violence to Children

The purpose of this hearing is to further consider the Federal Trade Commission Report: *Marketing Violent Entertainment to Children*.[@] This hearing is a functional extension of one held two weeks ago. I want to thank the representatives of the motion picture industry for their attendance.

It is my understanding that the minority will likely invoke the two hour rule again today. The result is the possibility that we will have to conclude at 11:30. As noted, the appearance of the motion picture studio executives is somewhat overdue, and I am sure everyone is anxious to hear their testimony, and to move to questions. As such, we will suspend opening statements by Members of the Committee and move straight to the witnesses. This will ensure that we have adequate time to get through the substance of this hearing before 11:30.

I realize that Members have a great deal to say on this subject, and that this is somewhat unusual, so I want to thank the Committee for their cooperation.