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The Domestic Council Review Group on Regulatory Reform will be holding a three-day series of public hearings this week on the Robinson-Patman Act. The statute, established in 1936, prohibits price discrimination activities, such as certain kinds of volume discounting.

As part of his regulatory reform program, the President stated earlier this year that he would "propose changes in...laws which restrain competition and deny buyers substantial savings." The purpose of the hearings is to determine whether the Robinson-Patman Act is, in fact, producing an adverse effect upon competition and leading to higher prices for consumers.

Testimony, which will be taken from representatives of the business and academic communities, the legal profession and the general public, will be considered by the Domestic Council Review Group as it formulates recommendations for legislative changes in the Robinson-Patman Act.

Schedule for Robinson-Patman Act Hearings:

Monday, December 8	Conference Room B Departmental Auditorium Constitution Avenue, N. W. Between 12th and 14th Streets
Tuesday, December 9	Room 2008 New Executive Office Building Pennsylvania Avenue and 17th St., N. W.
Wednesday, December 10	Conference Room B Departmental Auditorium Constitution Avenue, N. W. Between 12th and 14th Streets

Hearings on Monday and Tuesday will be held from 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.; on Wednesday, they will be held from 10:00 a. m. to conclusion. If further information is needed, contact Margaret Earl at 456-2876

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