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### **National Commission on Product Safety Hearings**

Michael R. Lemov provides an example of the hearings the National Commission on Product Safety held.  
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So the hearings tried to illustrate various areas where there was a gap in federal regulation. I particularly remember a couple of them. One dealt with unsafe football helmets and concussions that the athletes were suffering from having these cheap, untested, you know, undeveloped kind of helmets where the kids were wearing them. So, what we did is we decided we'd bring in a pro football player to start the hearing. So, we had Larry Csonka, who was a fullback for the Miami Dolphins, probably one of the leading runners in the game at the time. He came in and testified how he had gotten a bad concussion from wearing a pro football helmet. And so, he held up what he thought was a better design, with inflatable padding around it. I don't know what they wear now but—and man, that, that was a great—once he testified, the rest of the hearing was kind of routine. I mean, there was nothing the helmet makers could say except they were working on better helmets. So that, that was a big hearing.