Tozzi Responds to Reye charge

Tozzi disputes the Post Article on Reye’s Syndrome (Source pgs. 305 & 309, Courting Change, a book published by the Public Citizen Litigation Group). He maintains:

The Reye Syndrome Rule (on labelling) was withdrawn from the OMB’s review by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), so the assertion that Jim Tozzi rejected the proposed Reye Syndrome labeling is completely inaccurate. The facts are, as demonstrated in the record, as follows:

1. Sept 20 1982 The Secretary of HHS sent a proposed labeling regulation to OMB.
2. Nov 8 1982 The American Academy of Pediatrics announces "Labeling aspirin-containing preparations as contraindicated in the treatment of influenza or chicken pox should be delayed until more conclusive evidence of the association of aspirin administration and Reye’s Syndrome is shown by further investigation."
3. Nov 18 1982 The Secretary of HHS withdrew the rule from OMB review.

The record clearly demonstrates that Tozzi did not delay the implementation of the review for years.