Warning labels may be preferable

by Mark James

Putting labels on food warning of potentially hazardous ingredients may often be preferable to ban-
ning the products, former Food and Drug Administration counsel Peter Burton Hutt told a sympo-
sium Tuesday.

He said that the "public out-
put about the right to freedom of choice" about food ingredients items not merely from ceremon-
ial interests, but "reflects a growing public skepticism regarding the desirability and effectiveness of
government Intervention." In the first of three addresses presented before the Underwood-
Prescott Memorial Symposium entitled "Government Regulation: How Much Is Enough?"

He said there is no such thing as real or absolute safety;...