

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: In keeping with our congressional
2 mandate, our next panel will provide information on the
3 prevalence of youth and adolescent gambling. And as has already
4 been mentioned this morning, nowhere in the United States that
5 I'm aware of is it legal for anyone under the age of 18 to gamble
6 except for this fluke that we may be thinking we may have found
7 in South Carolina but we'll find out.

8 We've asked five individuals to address this issue
9 this morning. And panelists, as I call your name, please come
10 forward and be seated at the front table; Doctor Randy
11 Stinchfield, associate director for the Center for Adolescent
12 Substance Abuse and the Psychiatry Department at the University
13 of Minnesota Medical School; Doctor James Westphal, director and
14 associate professor of the Department of Psychiatry at the
15 Louisiana State University Medical Center in Shreveport,
16 Louisiana, good morning; Doctor Elizabeth George, the executive
17 director of the North America Training Institute in Duluth,
18 Minnesota, welcome; Doctor Rena Nora from the Veterans
19 Administration Hospital here in Las Vegas, good morning; and our
20 final speaker is Mr. Josh Wishoff, a recovering youth gambler.

21 Thank you all for being here this morning. Again,
22 I'd like to remind each of the panelists that even though you do
23 not orally state an oath, you are presumed to be under oath as
24 you testify before this Commission. And in order to allow for
25 more discussion this morning, I would ask that you, to the best
26 of your ability, summarize your statements and with that, I'd
27 like to welcome you all.

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