

1 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Now for our first panel of the day,  
2 Pathological Gambling: Methods of Treatment and Prevention.  
3 This panel is designed to examine the range and efficacy of the  
4 various methods of treatment and prevention related to problem  
5 gamblers. We're particularly interested in the various programs  
6 available, including a discussion of who is currently paying for  
7 treatment and prevention services as well as any potential  
8 alternatives.

9 Our speakers this morning -- and I will ask you to  
10 come to the table as your name is called -- include Dr. John  
11 Eades; Mr. Bob Ladouceur, professor, University of Laval Quebec;  
12 Mr. Reece Middleton of the Louisiana Council on Compulsive  
13 Gambling; Mr. Tom Brosig, president and CEO, Grand Casinos; and  
14 Mr. Rodger Svendson, director, Gambling Programs for the  
15 Minnesota Department of Human Services.

16 I would remind our speakers that you each have 15  
17 minutes to speak, and I want you all to turn your heads and look  
18 at this lovely lady right here, because once you get into the  
19 speech, I've realized that people get so involved they forget to  
20 look at our version of Vanna White, Ms. Debbie DuCre, but she is  
21 there to help you keep track of the time. She will hold up time  
22 cards at ten minutes and then five, two, one, and then it gets  
23 nasty, it gets real nasty after that: there's one that says  
24 "Stop."

25 (Laughter.)

26 CHAIRMAN JAMES: I would ask you to please keep note  
27 of that as you go through your presentation, and since most of  
28 you have submitted your presentations in written form, if you'd

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1 like to summarize those statements as opposed to reading them,  
2 that's entirely appropriate and appreciated.

3 I'd like to remind you, in addition, that by  
4 testifying here today as part of a federal commission, you're  
5 presumed to be under oath and we look forward to receiving your  
6 testimony.

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