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12 The Commission met at the Center for Strategic and
13 International Studies, 1800 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. at
14 8:30 a.m., KAY C. JAMES, Chair of the Commission, presiding.
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18 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

19 KAY C. JAMES, Chair

20 WILLIAM A. BIBLE

21 JAMES C. DOBSON

22 J. TERRENCE LANNI

23 RICHARD C. LEONE

24 ROBERT W. LOESCHER

25 LEO T. McCARTHY

26 PAUL H. MOORE

27 JOHN W. WILHELM

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1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Good morning. My name is Kay
2 James. And on behalf of the Commission, I'd like to call this
3 meeting to order and declare that we do indeed have a quorum to
4 conduct today's business.

5 I want to welcome all of you to the second meeting of
6 the Commission in 1999. Boy, does it seem like a long time since
7 we were last in Washington, October of 1997 for a very spirited
8 discussion of rules and work plan.

9 But in the 16 months since that happened, we've visited
10 Atlantic City, Boston, Chicago, Las Vegas, Biloxi, New Orleans,
11 San Diego, and Phoenix. These visits have given us a tremendous
12 perspective on the social and the economic impacts of gambling in
13 communities, big and small.

14 Our subcommittees and researchers were able to speak
15 with the experts in the field and view their work firsthand.
16 Most importantly, we had the opportunity to hear from individuals
17 whose lives and families have been impacted by gambling.

18 Returning to Washington in a sense reminds us of our
19 mandate, and that is to provide public policy-makers with
20 information, research, and recommendations to address the growing
21 issues related to gambling.

22 Last month in Virginia Beach, we began the process that
23 will ultimately result in our final report. And I think everyone
24 will agree that this will be a very productive time with far more
25 consensus than anyone could have predicted when we began our site
26 visits. That's not to say that it will be without some spirited

1 debate and some differences of opinion, but this is, in fact, the
2 public policy process, and that's a good thing.

3 This meeting is intended again to be informal and open.
4 As with our last meeting, if there is no objection from
5 Commissioners, I will again suspend our parliamentary procedure
6 and ask that we conduct these sessions in as informal a process
7 as possible. I will, however, reserve my right to intervene in
8 the discussion to ensure that everyone gets a chance to be heard
9 but will not require individual commissioners to be recognized to
10 speak.

11 The only caveat I would have to that is that I would
12 ask that before we ask our presenters questions, that we allow
13 them the opportunity to go through their full presentation. And
14 then we will have our discussion period for that.

15 Before we get started this morning, I wanted to let the
16 commissioners know that Dr. Kelly will not be with us today or
17 tomorrow. His mother is critically ill. And his family and he
18 have gone to Nashville to be with her. I would ask that you keep
19 him in your thoughts and/or prayers over the next few days. It
20 is a very critical period in his family's life.

21 I also want to let you know that we have both John
22 Shosky and Doug Seay, who are here to answer any questions and be
23 helpful in any way. And they have been doing a great job
24 standing in the gap as Tim has been going through this crisis in
25 his family.

1 Finally, I want to thank the Center for Strategic and
2 International Studies for hosting this meeting and the Commission
3 staff for their efforts in putting this together.

4 At this point, I would like to turn our attention to
5 today's activities. As I call the names of the presenters, I
6 would ask that you please come forward.