

1 CHAIRPERSON JAMES: I want to turn our attention now --
2 and, again, the significance and the importance of the data that
3 we received I thought was of sufficient merit that we take the
4 extra time to do that. And we will perhaps make that up a little
5 later in the day.

6 Now I want to move to our presentation of our
7 organizational recommendations on pari-mutuel gambling. I want
8 to follow the same format that we used in Virginia Beach: asking
9 our participants to summarize their presentations. And then we
10 will engage in a dialogue with them as commissioners.

11 I want to ask to come forward now: Mr. Jay Hickey,
12 President of American Horse Council; Ms. Margaret Feinstein and
13 Mr. Henry Cashen, Government Relations Counsels, American
14 Greyhound Track Operators' Association; Mr. Telisport Putsavage,
15 National Thoroughbred Racing Association; and Mr. Alan Foreman,
16 Chairman and CEO of the Thoroughbred Horseman's Association of
17 North America.

18 Many of you, if not all of you, have presented to this
19 Commission before. And what we're looking for this morning are
20 your recommendations, what you'd like to see included about your
21 industry in the final report. And so I would ask you to limit
22 your comments to that area. And hopefully we can get through
23 that and then engage in some meaningful dialogue.

24 With that, I will turn to Mr. Hickey. Jay?