

1 any of you can ever forget that great joy that was
2 heard above the roar of the crowd. It was called,
3 "Bingo."

4 Any attempt to curtail the activity of
5 people pursuing enjoyment through a legal enterprise
6 surely must be immoral. An able bodied person willing
7 to work but having no job, I suggest to you, is more
8 immoral.

9 Killing is immoral. Even the needless
10 kill of a goose, especially the goose that lays the
11 golden egg.

12 So I say to you: we here in Atlantic City
13 stand opposed to any further regulation or taxation of
14 this industry, and we implore you please do not cook
15 our goose.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Harvey Fogel.

18 (Applause.)

19 MR. FOGEL: Thank you. Good evening.

20 I am a lifelong resident in the area and
21 now a Margate resident. I'm president of the New Jersey
22 Council on Compulsive Gambling, Director of the

1 Atlantic Care Behavioral Health No Dice Program which
2 treats compulsive gamblers in Atlantic City and McKee
3 City, and I'm also a practicing pharmacist in the
4 State of New Jersey, and I still found time to be here
5 tonight.

6 In my practice at the Atlantic Care
7 Behavioral Health Program, I have treated everything
8 from ex-millionaires to nickel slot players and
9 everything in between, including running a MIGA group,
10 which is a mentally ill gambling addicted program.

11 Many of my people that come to me are from
12 the casino industry, and during the course of this
13 practice, we have tried many successful forms of
14 treatment, including biofeedback, group, individual,
15 family, even medicine at times, and of course,
16 referral to Gamblers Anonymous.

17 Little has been said today about the
18 families because I have seen much destruction in my
19 course of practice, the destruction of the family.
20 Some of that destruction has been unbelievable.
21 College monies lost, futures destroyed, and worse than
22 that, very little outside of Gamblers Anonymous available

1 for these families to help in their treatment and most of
2 this due to lack of funding.

3 Many strides have been made toward the
4 understanding of this illness and the nature of the
5 disease of pathological gambling. Brain chemistry has
6 been studied, and treatment of the malfunction of the
7 brain is being continually thought of and looked at in
8 a careful way.

9 But without funding, the treatment for
10 these people has not been able to get the proper
11 statistics available to give them, to show them what
12 is available for this treatment.

13 The proper treatment, as you all have
14 heard today, is available. Gamblers Anonymous helps
15 many hundreds of thousands of people in the State of
16 New Jersey yearly, but sometimes people need more than
17 that.

18 You've heard many of these stories
19 tonight, but sometimes these people need professional
20 help, and help is not being made available. In the
21 State of New Jersey last year, almost \$963 million was
22 received from the revenue of gaming in this state, and

1 only \$100,000 was put aside for treatment.

2 In this county alone we received -- in
3 this county we received \$16,666 to treat compulsive
4 gamblers in a city that has 12 casinos.

5 I strongly suggest that this Commission,
6 when making any recommendations, look at the fact that
7 money must be made available for the treatment of this
8 illness, and without such treatment, it would be a
9 sham and a disgrace.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

12 Jane -- is it Flipping, Flipping?

13 MS. FLIPPING: Yes. Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Welcome.

15 MS. FLIPPING: Good evening, and welcome
16 to Atlantic City.

17 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

18 MS. FLIPPING: It's the brand new Atlantic
19 City that we want you to know about, and it's a city
20 where I have raised two sons who joined the service
21 through the Marines and the Air Corps, left after ten
22 years and came back to this city to join the Greater