

**NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

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In my ten-minute presentation, I will briefly describe the regulatory duties and responsibilities of my position. I will then give the Committee some factual information about the greyhound industry. This will include history, employment and economic impact, number of states where tracks are located, attendance and wagering volume.

Following this introduction I will talk about the relatively brief, but eventful 15-year history of the pari-mutuel industry in Iowa. After an economically successful introduction in 1985, racetracks fell on hard times due to various competitive forces in the early 90's. In 1994 the Iowa legislature passed legislation authorizing certain electronic gaming machines at currently licensed racetracks. The purpose of the legislation was first, to allow the nonprofit licensees to retire the debt on their facilities, and second, to preserve the horse and greyhound industries through supplementary revenues dedicated to purses for owners.

The legislation has accomplished those purposes and I will address some key public policy provisions contained in the bill as well. Many states have expressed interest in Iowa's law as they contemplate taking this step with their pari-mutuel facilities.

In the time remaining, I will address the topics and questions in Dr. Timothy Kelly's letter, i.e. simulcasting and social/economic impacts, which have not been previously addressed in my remarks. I will also try to answer any questions the Committee members may have at the conclusion of my presentation.