

1 RIVERBOAT CASINOS I: REGULATION AND REGIONAL COMPETITION

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3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Now, I'd like to introduce our
4 speakers for our first panel on riverboat casinos regulation and
5 regional competition. I'd like to point out for the benefit of
6 our audience that each speaker will have 15 minutes to give a
7 brief presentation. I would remind our speakers to please pay
8 attention to our timer over here. At the end of your 15 minute
9 period, when the stop sign goes up, I will at that time ask you
10 to summarize and submit the remainder of your testimony in
11 writing. It's important to do that because we want to make sure
12 that we have the opportunity to hear from everyone, and the most
13 important time for us as Commissioners is the opportunity to
14 interact with you and have the opportunity to do questions and
15 answers, though I don't want to take away from that time at all.

16 When we get to our question and answer portion, I
17 would encourage our panelists as well to engage in dialogue and
18 discussion. As with our previous Commission meetings, we
19 encourage full and open debate and discussion, and I'd like to
20 remind our panelists as well that we're operating under
21 supplemental rules of the Commission and that testimony given
22 before the Commission shall be considered to be under oath.

23 We have this morning with us the Honorable Earline
24 Rogers who joins us from the Indiana State Senate; the Honorable
25 William Witt is a member of the Iowa House of Representatives;
26 Mr. Michael Belletire who is the administrator of the Illinois
27 Gaming Board; and the Rev. Tom Grey of the National Coalition
28 Against Legalized Gambling.

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