

## NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

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## SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

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## SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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SATURDAY

OCTOBER 18, 1997

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The Subcommittee on Research met at the Doubletree Hotel, 3205 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado, at 10:30 a.m., Leo T. McCarthy, Commissioner, presiding.

## SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

DR. JAMES C. DOBSON, Commissioner

LEO T. McCARTHY, Commissioner

JOHN W. WILHELM, Commissioner

## COMMISSION STAFF:

ALLISON C. FLATT, Policy Analyst

DR. TIM KELLY, Research Director

DR. PETER REUTER, Principal Research Consultant

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 (10:50 a.m.)

3 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: This is a meeting  
4 of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission  
5 Subcommittee on Research. We welcome everyone in the  
6 audience who is here. Thank you for taking the  
7 trouble to come on a Saturday, when you could be  
8 enjoying a private day at home; we're grateful for  
9 your participation.

10 I have listed only two witnesses who  
11 intend to offer testimony to the three members of the  
12 Subcommittee and the Staff. And this is Mr. Dobson  
13 and Mr. Wilhelm, and my name is Leo McCarthy. And we  
14 have Dr. Peter Reuter, Dr. Tim Kelly and Ms. Allison  
15 Flatt, who are capably helping us in our work.

16 I only have two witnesses here. One is  
17 Pat Savage. Is that correct?

18 MR. PUTSAVAGE: Close. It's close, but  
19 not quite right.

20 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: P-U-T, Putsavage?

21 MR. PUTSAVAGE: Putsavage is the last  
22 name.

23 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: For Putnam?

24 MR. PUTSAVAGE: Pardon me?

25 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Put is short for

1 what full name?

2 MR. PUTSAVAGE: That's my full last name.

3 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Oh. I'm sorry.

4 The whole thing is your last name?

5 MR. PUTSAVAGE: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: And your first  
7 name?

8 MR. PUTSAVAGE: Telisport.

9 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. PUTSAVAGE: Are you prepared now?

11 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Yes -- I will be  
12 in a minute.

13 MR. PUTSAVAGE: All right.

14 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Then we have Nancy  
15 Lantz of the Colorado Council on Compulsive Gambling.  
16 Now, that's all I have on the sign-up sheet. And I  
17 take it the rest of you are here to listen and  
18 observe. And you're very welcome.

19 All right. Let's start with you, Mr.  
20 Telisport Putsavage.

21 MR. PUTSAVAGE: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I've finally found  
23 a name that can compete with my middle name that  
24 causes wonderment; my middle name is Tarsisius.

25 DR. REUTER: And you admit it?

1                   COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: That manages to  
2 stop people.

3                   MR. PUTSAVAGE: I suspect you would have  
4 more trouble than I. Let me also give you each a  
5 card.

6                   COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: Thank you.

7                   As both of those who are going to give  
8 testimony know, this is about what research the  
9 Subcommittee should recommend to the full Committee  
10 this pertains to what should be undertaken and  
11 authorized to outside contractors -- independent  
12 contractors -- who will do the research. I phoned  
13 both these witnesses and left a message to explain  
14 that.

15                   I think I left a message on your voice  
16 mail, Ms. Lantz. I hope you got it.

17                   MS. LANTZ: Yes, I did.

18                   COMMISSIONER McCARTHY: I am asking that,  
19 rather than talking in more general, universal terms,  
20 that your comments be directed and your thoughts be  
21 directed toward the issue of what research we should  
22 undertake. Thank you very much.