UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

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The Commission met in the Renaissance Parc 55 Hotel, Barcelona II Room, 55 Cyril Magnin Street, San Francisco, California, at 8:30 a.m., Kay C. James, Chairperson, presiding.

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS:

KAY C. JAMES, Chairperson
J. TERRENCE LANNI
ROBERT LOESCHER
WILLIAM BIBLE
LEO MC CARY
PAUL MOORE
RICHARD LEONE
JAMES DOBSON
JOHN WILHELM

COMMISSION STAFF:

VALERIE RICE
DOUG SEAY
TIM KELLY

GUEST:

GEORGE TERWILLIGER III
CHAIRPERSON JAMES: We’ll turn to the first piece. I’d like to ask Dr. Kelly if he would describe the staff process and where we are right now in terms of incorporating the various edits? Which chapters are complete and what stage we’re in?

COMMISSIONER KELLY: Madam Chair. At this point we have incorporated the edits per our discussion yesterday for Chapters 1 and 2, and you should have both of those at this point. We are completing the photocopying of Chapter 3, so Chapter 3, the edits have been entered in and we’ll be distributing that later this morning. So we’re basically caught up in terms of entering the edits to date.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Could you talk a little bit about what we did with the convenience gambling piece from Commissioner Wilhelm?

COMMISSIONER KELLY: For instance, your piece spanned three chapters, Chapters 2, 3 and 5, so as we did those chapters we incorporated your text into those as well, so hopefully you will see absolutely everything that was discussed and approved yesterday in the edited versions of the chapters that we’re turning around and handing back out to you.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: And for the remaining paragraphs, I asked Doug last night if he would take a look at see where they would appropriately go, and he has a suggestion for the commission.

COMMISSIONER KELLY: Right, because you had two paragraphs that needed to be relocated, so I’ll turn the mic over to Doug to tell you where he’s proposing to put those.

COMMISSIONER SEAY: I’m proposing to put them on the old chapter, Gambling in the US, page 16. It’s at the end of the
parimutuel, so I should refer back to -- these are the two sections in Commissioner Wilhelm’s edited text which concerned the VLTs and the parimutuel industry, and also account wagering. I would like to put those at the end of the parimutuel section in the Gambling in the US chapter, which would come on page 16 just about what is entitled Sports Wagering now.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: That’s where you’ll see those appear, and they have already printed those and distributed them, so rather than have them reporting that entire chapter, if you could just make that change and put that insert there, that would be great.

COMMISSIONER KELLY: That will not be included in the text that you all have that have been copied already, but that will be the next round.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Anything else, Commissioner Kelly?

COMMISSIONER KELLY: No, Madam Chairman.

COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Since we have Doug here and I did review the work and the changes that had been made, it occurs to me that we need to authorize or empower Doug to make editorial changes to make the entire document consistent as you go through so that if he notices terminology like EGDs, or VLTs, or where numbers need to be updated, or things of that he can do it to make the document consistent throughout.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: We instructed him to do that yesterday, and CSR is going to be taking a look for consistency as well. Commissioner Wilhelm?

COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Along that same line, and I realize that the staff has to tread somewhat carefully since at least a few of the commissioners are somewhat opinionated, but
nevertheless, there’s been a number of things pointed out her along the way in which the draft has just been inconsistent. Certainly the use of certain statistics are different, things like common terminology that Bill referred to yesterday on problem or pathological gambling as distinguished from addiction. There’s a bunch of things like that that unfortunately falls to the staff to try to conform without messing with substance.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: I have asked my staff to keep sort of a running list of those kinds of things and my -- I’m going to go up to Washington for a final review of the document before printing and will be looking for just that kind of thing. If there’s anything that you think of that you want me to be particularly sensitive about or look at, just give me a call or send me a fax or e-mail and I will do that.

COMMISSIONER KELLY: Madam Chair, it might help to know that we are focusing now on the substantive changes, of course, but we have taken good notes on all these other issues. For instance, changing VLT to EGD, all those editorial types of changes we will be putting in starting tomorrow, and then we’re also going to instruct CSR to look behind and see if there’s anything we missed.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: And there hasn’t been any discussion about this, and so as a point of personal privilege, the Chair will pick the color of the document. It’s the only thing I ask.

COMMISSIONER WILHELM: Do we get to pick the weight of the paper?

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: No. I had hoped to have the mock up of the cover her for you today, but they Federal Expressed it.
The label fell off and it went back to CSR. It’s the story of my life.

COMMISSIONER WILHELM: We’re going to have a slot machine on the cover.

CHAIRPERSON JAMES: Anything else on where we are in the process?

COMMISSIONER KELLY: No. Just that everything else you should have incorporated in the document before you, which has also been handed out to those who are following along. The only addition -- the only additional reference you will have to make, hopefully for the whole day, would be the one last change that was handed out just now. So that should be considered as a supplement. But other than that, absolutely everything for today’s discussion should be in this document sequentially by page number.