CHAIR JAMES: Thank you. I’m going to ask everyone if we could settle down just a little bit. And before we get started with our afternoon agenda, I’m going to ask Dr. Moore if he has any summary comments, or anything that he would like to add to our discussion to wrap up the morning.

Commissioner Moore?

COMMISSIONER MOORE: I guess if this could be called a preliminary report on the Indian Subcommittee on gaming. As you might know, and if you don’t, Commissioner Loescher, and Commissioner Wilhelm and myself comprised the Indian Subcommittee on gambling.

We have been all over this country, practically, to take deposition and hear the Indians talk. We want to thank Mr. Hill and Mr. Coin for a lot of their arrangements in seeing that these people get to their destinations, where we might be, and to give their testimonies.

On behalf of the Commission I would like to say the subcommittee that we appreciate this, and even ourselves, we would like to say that we believe that we have been fair, we believe that we have been honest in our Hearings, believe that everyone that came and said that they wanted to talk before this subcommittee was given that opportunity.

And, yes, we do have a lot of records, and transcripts of those.

Now, what I would like to say today that we have come together, the three of us, with our thoughts, and we are hoping that when we have our final report to this full Commission that it will be so, and that we will be unanimous in our report, and
that certainly that they would give it very much consideration in
accepting it as is.

That is not to say that each individual on this
Commission has their own ideas, and can vote up or down, just
like we can do anywhere. But we will come out of this group,
this Commission will come out with a report, I believe, that we
will be proud of, and I believe that you will be proud of.

Now, the headings and things that we are going, that we
have decided among ourselves that we are unanimous on, we want
this final subcommittee report to include the following:
The growth of Indian gambling, and as you know, just like any
gambling, not just Indian gambling, all gambling has grown. That
is one of the reasons that this Commission was established, I
believe.

Economic development, we will denote that we think that
the Indians have done a heck of a job in the economic
development, and we want to show this.

Tribal sovereignty, you heard two or three, already you
heard some very, very good talks this morning. We all believe in
tribal sovereignty.

Number 4, state rights. We also believe that the
states in which these tribes are located, that the states should
have some say so of what goes on within their borders. We know
that they are borders to the reservations, but we want to discuss
that.

The communities around the tribes, we think that local
community’s rights should be considered, and spoken to. Then
guess what, Mr.Wilhelm wants to put in worker’s rights. That
sort of surprised me.
But we all agreed that worker’s rights are very important, just as he mentioned this morning, all over the world America is worried about worker’s rights.

COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Why is that number 6, and not number 1?

COMMISSIONER MOORE: Well, because we said it cannot be -- .

COMMISSIONER LEONE: Because Commissioner Loescher insisted.

COMMISSIONER MOORE: Number 7, regulations. Yes, we have our ideas on regulations, and we will have some recommendations on regulations. Not to curtail, or not to do away with Indian gaming, not to have any biases towards them, but things that we think, that we think, and we have our rights also, of opinions, that might be of benefit to that.

And then, number 8, we hear so much about this everywhere we go, to recommend or come up with a mechanism for handling impasses between tribes and states in compact negotiations.

We think this is very, very important. That this Commission come out with something on this. And with that, Madam Chairwoman, we would like to submit this, and ask you to direct the Commission staff to have a preliminary draft, or have a draft to this subcommittee in two weeks.

We know that two weeks is not very long, but we have our executive director sitting by you there, and I can see that he is smiling and saying there is no trouble.

And with that, thank you for the time.
CHAIR JAMES: Thank you, and the staff is so directed. And if there is any issue with meeting that deadline I would like to know about it as soon as possible so that we can renegotiate where we are on our timelines. But I think that is a reasonable request, and I know that staff has already done a great deal of work to get us to the point where we are now in the drafting phase.

Yes?

COMMISSIONER LEONE: As those of you know if it were in my power I would eliminate all the gambling in the United States, so I don’t want to pretend I’m not coming from a place that has a particular point of view, but I recognize the shape of the world today, and that gambling is going to be tolerated under certain conditions, regulatory conditions, and because of certain benefits that people believe it produces for communities, or workers, or others.

Without the financial information we have asked for, are we going to be in a position other than using anecdotal information, and I was strongly cautioned against using anecdotal information today, are we going to be in a position to say anything definitive about how the economic benefits produced from gambling are being spent, and how much they --and Indian reservations in Indian country, how much they amount to, how they are being spent without that information?

COMMISSIONER MOORE: Dollar amounts?

COMMISSIONER LEONE: Yes, dollar amounts is some notion of how it is being spent.

COMMISSIONER MOORE: We are hoping, we are hoping before we get through with this report that we will have those --
COMMISSIONER LEONE: But it is not going to be ready in two weeks to do that.

COMMISSIONER MOORE: No, that is just the preliminary draft, and we can -- as this material comes in, that we were asking for this morning, it will be incorporated into this.

Just on those names, without trying to prolong this to any and all, all of us are - we haven't had too many dollar amounts, but all of us are very, very impressed of what the Indians have done, and as I have stated in Seattle, what they have done with the money that we know about, and that may be all the money.

I'm not implying that that is not all the money, but we are very impressed with what they have done for their people, economically and socially.

CHAIR JAMES: Thank you. Yes, that is indeed an issue that every subcommittee is going to face, and we appreciate that.