CHAIR JAMES: I’m going to ask Commissioners to make their way back.

I think we have a quorum, so I’m going to go ahead and begin. Once again this afternoon the Commission will be hearing from organizations to listen to their recommendations to the Commission for possible inclusion in the final report.

Mr. Frank Fahrenkopf, President of the American Gaming Association, which I understand is changing its name to the American Gambling Association, because everybody thinks it is --.

CHAIR JAMES: Mr. Matthew Walker, research director of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union has been spending his afternoon over at the Founder’s Inn organizing the staff.

Mr. Paul Ashe, President of the National Council on Problem Gambling, Ms. Christine Reilly, we have to do a little something to get a little excitement and spirit in here. We have a long afternoon in front of us.

Mr. Paul Ashe is President of the National Council on Problem Gambling, Ms. Christine -- oh, he does? I will allow you to introduce her at the appropriate time.

Can you say that again? Joanna welcome, we are delighted to have you here. Ms. Christine Reilly, Executive Director of the National Center for Responsible Gaming, and Mr. Bernie Horn, Communication Director of the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling.

Thank you all for being here this afternoon, and for participating in this very important deliberation.

I am going to ask, particularly with the size of our afternoon panel, that if you would summarize your comments,
focusing if you would, on recommendations, and things that you
would like to see this Commission consider.

And I would like to reserve the bulk of our time to
have a very lively, hopefully lively and interesting discussion
this afternoon, on these very important questions.