CHAIRMAN JAMES: Now, in keeping with our requirements, the Congressional mandate, this panel and another one in New Orleans tomorrow will provide a discussion of the examination of any relationship between legalized gambling and crime.

And we chose to have this discussion in two cities for a very simple reason and that was to accommodate the specialists whose schedules were irreconcilable and it's our hope that we will gain the benefit of some very important testimony.

And so that's why we broke the panels up and some will be testifying today and some will be testifying tomorrow.

As I call your names, would you please take your places at the witness table? Joining us for our discussion, please welcome Dr. Jay Albanese, Professor and Chair of the Virginia Commonwealth University's Department of Criminal Justice. How's the weather back home in Virginia?

DR. ALBANESE: Not raining.

Mr. Terrence Brunner, Executive Director of the Better Government Association in Chicago, Illinois; Mr. Jeremy Margolis, Director of the Illinois State Police; Bobby Jay, an expert on gambling and crime from the Americans Against Organized Gambling; and Ms. Donna Kelly.

I remind our witnesses that you have ten minutes each to speak and we will begin -- and you are presumed to be under oath, as all of our witnesses are.