CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you. Are there any questions or comments for Sohee? Commissioner Leone

COMMISSIONER LEONE: Yes, I have a question. You mentioned -- and I know how difficult it is to get estimates of the cost of some of these pathologies, but you did use a couple of figures, and I just wondered what the source was and if you know, how the source generated those numbers.

MS. PARK: For example, the one of Thompson?

COMMISSIONER LEONE: Well, particularly the one that built up to I think it was 147 --

MS. PARK: Oh, the billion dollars. This is from a law review; I have the source with me here. It was the Journal of Law and Commerce, Development or dreamfield delusions?: assessing casino gambling's costs and benefits. They have very much made an overall analysis of what has been so far measured on this issue, and I think they measured the gambling debt in different states and the incarceration and the regulatory costs. And because they are lawyers, I think they more focused on the legal aspect and the debt, so more of it is more that they could measure, it was not more, say, social costs that are not measurable like lost funding or spousal and child abuse costs. So this is an approximation.

COMMISSIONER LEONE: It would be interesting to get that article and have somebody look behind it and see, because that's very different from any other thing we've seen or heard.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: That we've heard to date.

COMMISSIONER LEONE: I'd be curious about that.
MS. PARK: One of the things that the author mentioned was that these costs could be underestimated.

COMMISSIONER LEONE: I'm just interested in how they estimated them at all and what sources of data.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: The methodology that was used to come up with that number.

Commissioner Bible.

COMMISSIONER BIBLE: Not a question but a request: would you contact some of the trade associations for the insurance groups, or perhaps the insurance regulatory groups, and get some data on mandated coverages -- because a number of states mandate coverage, for instance, for alcoholism, a number of states mandate coverage for drug abuse -- and just create a grid that shows state by state which states mandate coverage for which diseases: alcoholism, drug abuse -- my presumption is no states mandate coverage for pathological gambling -- and then indicate what the benefit is, because I know a number of states cap the benefit; for instance, there's a $10,000 annual benefit for alcoholism in the state of Nevada -- just to provide that sort of information.

MS. PARK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Yes, Commissioner Wilhelm.

COMMISSIONER WILHELM: As many, or perhaps all of the commissioners know, Commissioner Bible has announced his retirement from his position as the chairman of the Nevada Gaming Control Board on the 18th of September. I think the commissioners also know that Commissioner Bible has been recognized by the Nevada Council on Compulsive Gambling for his
leadership in his capacity as Nevada's principal regulator on the issue of compulsive gambling. He has taken a number of initiatives in this area.

It's my observation or impression that some of the responsible companies in the industry have been very supportive of Commissioner Bible's initiatives in this area, and frankly, that there have been some companies that have been somewhat concerned about his initiatives in this area.

I would express the hope, if I could, to the Chair that before Commissioner Bible finds other employment that perhaps in our waning months here we could take advantage of his greater time to help us in formulating the basis for our conclusions in general, but in particular in the area of compulsive gambling as well as in the regulatory areas about which he is an acknowledged expert. He is widely regarded as, I think it's fair to say, the most effective public servant in the history of Nevada, and having worked with public servants in many other jurisdictions, I would say that he would stack up in that same category anywhere in the country.

So I think his newfound unemployment -- which I bet won't last very long -- could be of great benefit to this Commission.

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Commissioner Wilhelm, and I just want to let you know that the Chair was two steps ahead of you --

COMMISSIONER WILHELM: As always.
CHAIRMAN JAMES: -- because I already had a conversation with Commissioner Bible. I offered him co-chair of the Commission but he wouldn't take it.

COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I can't imagine why.

(Laughter.)

COMMISSIONER BIBLE: And I appreciate your kind comments. I'm going to probably not have a lot of time until the end of hunting season.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN JAMES: But I can think of several areas where we could greatly benefit from that, and I've asked him if he would let me know of his availability to work very closely with us on not only this area but also on the Internet and several other areas where he has a great deal of interest and a great deal of expertise, and I look forward to that.

COMMISSIONER WILHELM: I'm delighted that you've done that. I would just point out to Commissioner Bible that there's hunting and then there's hunting.

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

Any other questions or comments for Sohee? Thank you very much; I appreciate that. That was an excellent report and we appreciate your hard work.