CHAIRMAN JAMES: Now for our first panel of the day, Pathological Gambling: Methods of Treatment and Prevention. This panel is designed to examine the range and efficacy of the various methods of treatment and prevention related to problem gamblers. We're particularly interested in the various programs available, including a discussion of who is currently paying for treatment and prevention services as well as any potential alternatives.

Our speakers this morning -- and I will ask you to come to the table as your name is called -- include Dr. John Eades; Mr. Bob Ladouceur, professor, University of Laval Quebec; Mr. Reece Middleton of the Louisiana Council on Compulsive Gambling; Mr. Tom Brosig, president and CEO, Grand Casinos; and Mr. Rodger Svendson, director, Gambling Programs for the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

I would remind our speakers that you each have 15 minutes to speak, and I want you all to turn your heads and look at this lovely lady right here, because once you get into the speech, I've realized that people get so involved they forget to look at our version of Vanna White, Ms. Debbie DuCre, but she is there to help you keep track of the time. She will hold up time cards at ten minutes and then five, two, one, and then it gets nasty, it gets real nasty after that: there's one that says "Stop."

(Laughter.)

CHAIRMAN JAMES: I would ask you to please keep note of that as you go through your presentation, and since most of you have submitted your presentations in written form, if you'd
like to summarize those statements as opposed to reading them, that's entirely appropriate and appreciated.

I'd like to remind you, in addition, that by testifying here today as part of a federal commission, you're presumed to be under oath and we look forward to receiving your testimony.