

1 RIVERBOAT CASINOS III: THE SOCIAL IMPACT

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3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you. Thank you. And the
4 Powerball winner was not one of the Commissioners. I've asked
5 twice this morning and it's not the case, although some tried I
6 understand.

7 I want to make note of the fact that our Research
8 Subcommittee is meeting this morning and those members of that
9 subcommittee will be joining the full Commission in just a few
10 minutes. But in the interest of time and out of courtesy to our
11 invited guests, we thought it was very important to go ahead with
12 our meeting this morning.

13 Our first panel today will address the social impact
14 of riverboat casinos, and I will take this opportunity to again
15 inform each panelist that under the operating rules of the
16 Commission, testimony before this Commission will be considered
17 to be conducted under oath. Our speakers this morning include
18 Chris Anderson, Executive Director of the Illinois Council on
19 Problem Gambling; Mr. John Kindt, Professor of Commerce and Legal
20 Policy at the University of Illinois; and Mr. Bill Eadington,
21 Professor of Economics at the University of Nevada at Reno.

22 I understand there may be some slides this morning,
23 and I will just ask the Commissioners if we can just go to the
24 sides if necessary. These are very informal, and if you need to
25 do that, that's just fine. I see that we are in fact being
26 joined by our Research Subcommittee.

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