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CHAIRMAN ALAN KINEMAN: We'll go straight into the public portion. Before we get started, as you probably all know, the Commission had made it a practice to come to the areas and to view the sites where we are anticipating granting licenses and we're very, very happy to be down here in the southeastern corner of Indiana and to meet all of you and to give you an opportunity to address this commission. When we first started, it would have been very easy to sit in Indianapolis the whole time and have people come to us, but we thought it was important to make these trips and we have in every instance gone out to the areas and had public comment concerning our activities and the applicants and also to view the sites. It gives this Commission a much better grasp of

1 the problems and the things that need to be done
2 if we come out to these areas, so it is not
3 convenient, basically, to come, but we think it's
4 important and that's why we're here. It's very
5 exciting, the amount of public activity and
6 participation that has been shown in this area of
7 the state and we certainly appreciate it. We
8 have, as you probably know from viewing our list,
9 which is posted outside the room, we really have
10 quite a massive list of people who wish to
11 address this Commission and we intend to hear
12 everyone; however, as indicated on our
13 information sheet, we have asked that those
14 people who address the Commission limit their
15 comments to five minutes. Now, the Commissioners
16 from time to time have questions of one or more
17 of the presenters and that will not detract from
18 the five minutes that you have to talk. That
19 will be in addition to the five minutes. In
20 other words, we're not going to start asking
21 questions and ruin your whole presentation. So
22 we will have a system which is just being devised
23 now. Since we don't have a trap door to spring
24 when people extend their time, we have developed

1 a system where we have a couple of colors. After
2 you've gone four minutes, you will be shown a
3 yellow card, which would mean it's time to start
4 to the conclusion area and then final, I say, and
5 then we have the red for the stop. So, uh, we
6 don't expect anyone to stop in the middle of a
7 word, but we do try, hopefully, to adhere to our
8 schedule so it will enable us to hear everyone
9 and it will enable us not to wear out completely
10 with the list that we've got to go. So, with
11 those few ground rules, we're ready to commence
12 and I think Mike Jones wishes to address the
13 Commission first.

14 MIKE JONES: My name is Mike Jones, 501 Hill
15 Road, Florence, Indiana. I am President of the Switzerland
16 County Council. And Chairman Kineman, Members of the
17 Indiana Gaming Commission, Executive Director and staff,
18 members of the press, gaming applicants and neighbors from
19 Dearborn and Ohio Counties, on behalf of the people of
20 Switzerland County, I wish to welcome you to the Town of
21 Vevay and to Switzerland County.

22 We in Southeastern Indiana have eagerly awaited
23 this first day of hearings and welcome our opportunity to
24 appear before the Gaming Commission. We sincerely hope
25 that each of you will enjoy your visit to Switzerland

1 County and that you will truly experience firsthand a taste
2 of Southern Indiana hospitality. Thank you and welcome.

3 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. The first item on
4 our agenda is the Switzerland Coalition on
5 Riverboat Excellency - - Excellence, which is
6 SCORE, and they had a number of people and they
7 requested that they be combined for a forty-five
8 minute presentation. We are, I guess, going to
9 hear now from the, uh - - the first one listed
10 on my list is Anita Danner on tourism. If the
11 order is not correct, you can just start right
12 off and - -

13 (Laughter)

14 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: You don't look like Anita
15 Danner.

16 THOMAS CONROY: Thomas Conroy, 14 Swiss Avenue,
17 Vevay, Indiana. In front of you, there is a booklet that
18 we had printed up that you could follow through here and
19 take some notes, if you wish.

20 On behalf of the Switzerland Coalition on
21 Riverboat Excellence, we would like to welcome the
22 Commission and staff to historic Switzerland County for
23 today's riverboat gaming hearings. SCORE also extends it's
24 welcome to our neighbors in Ohio and Dearborn Counties and
25 looks forward to participating in what will surely be a

1 very informative and productive set of hearings.

2 We now have a short video to kind of introduce
3 you to Switzerland and Switzerland County and Vevay.

4 (A video was shown)

5 THOMAS CONROY: When the State Legislature first
6 passed the bill allowing riverboat gaming, I was on the
7 Vevay Town Council. I immediately called the State House
8 for a copy of the statute. The new legislation did not
9 take into consideration that Switzerland County did not
10 have a city, much less a city on the Ohio River. We also
11 ran into several other small problems that needed to be
12 addressed. We hired an attorney and went to work at once.

13 Everyone we turned to said that we did not have
14 a chance. The most encouraging thing that we were told was
15 that Switzerland County was a long shot.

16 Well, that was two years ago and here we are
17 today at the public hearings in Switzerland County with a
18 top notch company, Pinnacle; James Forbes, a top notch
19 manager, an excellent site, plenty of room to cruise in
20 Ohio - - in Indiana waters in the Ohio River, and a group
21 of citizens who can see this through so that the operation
22 will make money for the state, Switzerland County, and,
23 through revenue sharing, the seven surrounding counties.

24 And now, onto our first speaker.

25 ANITA DANNER: Good morning and welcome to

1 Southern Indiana and the warm hospitality of the Ohio
2 River. I'm Anita Danner, number 6 Riverview, Vevay,
3 Indiana.

4 My husband, Mike, and I own and operate the
5 oldest continually operating business on the original site
6 in the State of Indiana. It dates back to 1837. Only
7 occasionally do we feel like that we've been there that
8 long. It was the original store referred to in the video.
9 It is the U.P. Shank Store. So Vevay has longevity, Vevay
10 has stability and Vevay has people that believe in Vevay,
11 Switzerland County.

12 In addition to being creative retailers, I am
13 also on the Tourism Commission. Now, that's the
14 Recreation, Convention and Tourism Commission, but we call
15 it the Tourism Commission. Later on this morning, you're
16 going to hear from Prestine Chapman, who is the Executive
17 Director of our Welcome Center. She's going to give you
18 specifics as to what this commission has done since it was
19 formed three years ago. I'm not going to give you handouts
20 or specifics, but she will, so there's more to come about
21 tourism.

22 The reason why the Tourism Commission was founded
23 three years ago was that we did not want to wait in
24 Switzerland County for somebody to do something for us. We
25 saw a need and we wanted to take care of ourselves as

1 quickly as we could.

2 The Tourism Commission gets its revenue from
3 overnight guests here at the Ogle Haus, so you contributed
4 last night. We also get revenue from a Bed & Breakfast
5 that's in operation and there will be a new Bed & Breakfast
6 opening up this summer, so there's more revenue being
7 generated all the time. And you will also find how busy
8 the Ogle Haus is. So we do have money to spend. That
9 money is turned around to tell others about Indiana's best
10 kept secret, which is Vevay, Switzerland County.

11 We invite people to come here to rest, to
12 recreate, just to enjoy. We have very few heart attacks
13 here, so it's a wonderful place. You probably need to come
14 back here after you've finished your job on this
15 Commission, because we could do alot for you.

16 The Commission has advertised in Kentucky,
17 Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and our visitor's log attests to
18 the fact that people do come with us. There was a bus that
19 just pulled up behind you - you didn't see that - but
20 there was a bus tour from Chicago that spend the night here
21 last night and was in Switzerland County. So we are
22 drawing people here. We can accomodate them. There are
23 lots of things for them to do and they go away very happy,
24 which is a good thing that we want to share with other
25 people, that Indiana is a wonderful place to be.

1 So what I've said to you so far is that our
2 Tourism Commission is very active, it's doing things. We
3 are helping ourselves to help the merchants in Vevay,
4 Switzerland County, to generate some of our own finances.

5 The other thing that I want to talk about is when
6 the boat comes, what happens with the Tourism Commission.
7 Well, first of all, we would generate more money to do more
8 things for Vevay, Switzerland County, because we would get
9 revenue from each person that goes upon the boat. We will
10 have a welcome center at the boat landing, so that we can
11 come in contact with each of the - - uh, person that gets
12 on the boat or gets off the boat. We will be providing
13 shuttle services, so that they can come into Vevay and shop
14 at the local merchants. There will be bus tours, so that
15 you could go out in the county and tour things, like round
16 barns. How many of you have seen a round barn? How many
17 of you have seen a hay press? All of those things are
18 available here. Maybe some of you don't want to know about
19 that. Well, you don't have to go, but it's available.

20 But it's not just - - We don't want people just
21 to come to Vevay, Switzerland County, and think that all
22 there is to do is to get on a boat. We want them to do
23 that, but there's lots of other things, too. And that's
24 the job of the Tourism Commission to provide family
25 recreation or even senior citizen recreation, too, so that

1 they enjoy themselves and they want to come back.

2 That also leads me to part of my discussion is,
3 what if the boat leaves? There's no guarantee that these
4 things are going to last forever. So what happens if they
5 leave? Well, we still have a very active, forceful tourism
6 committee, who will continue to talk to others about Vevay,
7 Switzerland County. We will continue to invite people
8 here. We will also have revenue put back from the time
9 that the boat was here. So I see no problem with the
10 Tourism Commission now, when the boat comes, and if the
11 boat should leave.

12 I thank you for your time, I thank you for your
13 patience. And I know that you are going to have some extra
14 time today and tomorrow. I expect to see you on the
15 streets of Vevay shopping and we would gladly take care of
16 you. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Excuse us. Mrs. Danner, I
18 think we have a question.

19 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: I just have one. The
20 commission that you're with, is that Vevay or the
21 county?

22 MRS. DANNER: It's the Recreation, Convention and
23 Tourism Bureau of Switzerland County.

24 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Any other questions? Thank
25 you.

1 JOHN JOHNSON: Good morning and welcome to Vevay.
2 I'm John Johnson. I'm Sheriff of Switzerland County.
3 Prior to being Sheriff, I served twenty-one years with the
4 Indiana State Police, a career that was all served here in
5 Switzerland County.

6 I'm originally from Bartholomew County, which is
7 a flat, farming area. I came here; the hills, the river,
8 it all intrigued me. I loved it and I stayed. I made my
9 home here.

10 The twenty-one years that I stayed with the State
11 Police here, I saw pre- and post-1978, which was when the
12 bridge was built, in 1978. Prior to 1978, the population
13 of this county was somewhere around fifty-five hundred
14 people. The traffic was sparse. I had a hard time getting
15 my activity that I was required to get. (Laughter)
16 However, I stayed here, I tried to do the best I could - -
17 (Laughter)

18 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: We've all met alot of people
19 who were trying to do the best they could.
20 (Laughter)

21 JOHN JOHNSON: I've also seen - - I've also
22 seen the economics of this county change since the bridge.
23 The bridge has brought alot to us and we have gotten to go
24 to alot of other things that the bridge opened up to us.

25 We have two hundred and twenty-one square miles

1 in this county and every bit of it I've been over many
2 times in that twenty-one years.

3 I've also seen the need for extra police. I've
4 seen the need for extra law enforcement. I've seen the
5 need develop since the bridge and, especially in the last
6 three to five years, the influx of people.

7 I want to talk to you a little bit about the
8 preparedness that we have, a plan on paper. The three
9 basic services that government should provide to their
10 citizens is fire, EMS service, and police.

11 The EMS service, I've seen in twenty-one years,
12 go from a 1957 Cadillac station wagon, that when they'd
13 arrive on the scene of an accident, throw them on a
14 stretcher, slam them in the back of it, and haul them off
15 to the hospital. I've seen the EMS come from that to the
16 equipment they have now, the training they have now, the
17 EMT's, paramedics.

18 I've seen the fire departments go from old
19 pumpers, old equipment, to, I think there are five now in
20 the county and three new fire departments that have been
21 built in the last few years.

22 The preparedness program that I've got includes
23 a mutual aid program that will include the surrounding
24 counties, Ohio County, Ripley County and Jefferson County,
25 also from across the river, Carroll County and Gallatin

1 County.

2 Several years back, we had a brush fire in this
3 county that some may recall - we made the Indianapolis
4 Star on this one - burnt about a thousand acres of this
5 county. We had fire departments come into this county from
6 Carrollton, Kentucky, Warsaw, as far north as Batesville,
7 Lawrenceburg, Jefferson County. There were many, many
8 people that came in here to co-op to fight this fire. This
9 is the type of thing, should an emergency occur, that we
10 will have a plan and we will be prepared for that.

11 The professional development that I am going to
12 require from my people is, of course I'm going to have to
13 have additional people. That's going to be required.
14 There's no way around that, because of the population
15 growth, because of the tourists that are going to be coming
16 here, the increased traffic. We're going to have to have
17 alot of training to respond to calls. Speaking of the
18 training, I'm requiring my people to have some of the best
19 training that they can possibly get. Even the volunteers,
20 the reserve deputies that I have, I'm requiring them to
21 take certain training before I allow them to work.

22 I have this plan on paper. I've got this plan
23 for the personnel, I have a plan for the equipment, I have
24 the plans for the procedures and the regulations to go
25 along with this. There will be a control.

1 Ladies and gentlemen of the Commission, we are
2 ready, on paper, as you will see at your meeting the 15th
3 of May, I believe, you will be getting a copy of this. We
4 are ready to implement any action necessary for any growth
5 situation, should it be industrial, recreational, or
6 tourism. Ladies and gentlemen, I submit to you that we in
7 Switzerland County are prepared. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you, Sheriff. Any
9 questions? Good morning.

10 HANK McLAIN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Members
11 of the Commission. Hank McLain, 306 West Market Street,
12 Vevay, Indiana. I'm President of the Vevay Historic Review
13 Board.

14 In Easter of 1986, my wife, Barbara, and I made
15 our first trip to Vevay. We were taking one of those long
16 weekend vacations to Southern Indiana from our home in
17 Anderson. While slowly driving down Market Street and
18 admiring the houses, I spotted a guy carrying a ladder.
19 That's always too good for an old house person to pass, so
20 I stopped and asked one of those questions that opens
21 things up. We ended up touring three fantastic houses, all
22 in need of care.

23 Well, again on Easter, back in 1992, Barbara and
24 I were staying here at the Ogle Haus, another one of those
25 long weekends. While again going down Market Street, we

1 spotted a sign in a window, Historic House For Sale. It
2 was the home that we'd been so smitten by back on that
3 other Easter in 1986. Fate or whatever drove us and on
4 June 19th we signed the final papers for the house at 306
5 and it's neighbor, 304, a package deal. We now had two
6 houses with years of neglect, but all the extrinsic and
7 intrinsic values that any preservationist could ever want.

8 Why did we choose Vevay? Location. A wonderful
9 setting on the river bypassed by urban renewal. A quick
10 trip across the bridge at Markland, we're an hour from
11 Cincinnati, an hour from Louisville, two hours from
12 Lexington, or back here, if I go north, I'm two hours from
13 Indianapolis. The symphony, the operas, the theater, the
14 fine restaurants, book stores, all the amenities of a large
15 urban area without the problems.

16 We're really lucky in Vevay, in that we have the
17 things that preservation tourism touts - - a place of
18 tranquility, a place to escape the ordinary, a slower paced
19 lifestyle. I feel as if I live at the summit and have the
20 world at my feet here. Vevay is a natural treasure in a
21 benign setting.

22 According to the Switzerland County report of the
23 Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory, Vevay has
24 over three hundred structures that were built prior to
25 1900. Recognizing that preservation is an effective tool

1 for managing growth, for revitalizing towns, to help
2 maintain community character and to foster local pride, a
3 group of the people on Market Street, working with other
4 residents of Vevay, began discussions with the Town Board
5 about historic preservation in Vevay. After public
6 meetings and working with the Historic Landmarks of
7 Indiana, the Vevay Town Board passed a historic
8 preservation ordinance. We've been working, recognizing
9 sites since that time, and under the historic - - or the -
10 - pardon me - - under the Vevay Historic Review Board.

11 In the past few years, a third of the houses on
12 Market Street have undergone extensive renovation. We, at
13 present, have a large 1881 Italianate overlooking the river
14 that will have an adaptive reuse, opening this year as a B
15 & B, even as restoration continues.

16 John Ruskin, the nineteenth century English
17 artist-writer-critic, wrote: Great nations write their
18 autobiographies in three manuscripts, the book of their
19 deeds, the book of their words, and the book of their art.
20 Not one of these books can be understood unless we read the
21 two others. But of the three, the only trustworthy one is
22 the last.

23 Preservation helps us not only to remember what
24 we were, it helps us to understand who we are.
25 Preservation really means we hang onto something because

1 it's good to look at, it works, and because it's a link to
2 a past that we need to remember.

3 In Vevay, we need not only to remember the town,
4 but the river. It links us to our past. It brought us our
5 past and now the river can help bring us our future. Thank
6 you.

7 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

8 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: I do have a
9 question.

10 MR. McLAIN: Yeah?

11 MS. BOCHNOWSKI: Since you're so - - you seem to
12 enjoy the fact that this has been - - this town
13 has been bypassed by development, doesn't it
14 concern you about what a riverboat operation
15 would do to the town?

16 MR. McLAIN: No. Why? I'm a realist. We have
17 beautiful homes, we have buildings. They have to
18 be more, though, than just something to look at.
19 Adaptive reuse, such as with this large
20 Italianate, turning it into a B & B, and, of
21 course, the Danner's store, which has operated
22 since 1836, some things will change, some things
23 will stay the same.

24 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Is, uh - - Are
25 you going to be involved with the - - if a boat

1 came to Vevay, would you be involved, as a
2 society or an organization, making sure that they
3 meet specific historic standards?

4 MR. McLAIN: Anything that has historic values,
5 yes, we certainly will.

6 ROBERT SUNDWICK: You certainly don't want big
7 neon signs at both ends of your town?

8 MR. McLAIN: No, we don't want big neon signs at
9 the ends of the town.

10 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Are you going to be able to
11 control that?

12 MR. McLAIN: Uh, as you'll hear later on, there
13 is a county-wide zoning that's taking place.
14 Now, within the historic districts, obviously,
15 under an ordinance you can control it. Outside
16 of that, though, that should be controlled then
17 by the county wide zoning. See, we have county
18 wide zoning which will also include Vevay and
19 Patriot, and one of the later speakers, Mr.
20 Brammer, will address that.

21 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Okay, thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Anything else? Thank you.

23 MR. McLAIN: Thank you.

24 CHARLES OVERBEY: Charles Overbey, 317 Ferry
25 Street, Vevay. I serve as Executive Vice-president of the

1 Vevay - Switzerland County Foundation.

2 In my remarks this morning, I will talk about the
3 development activities that have occurred in this community
4 and how this experience has helped prepare us for the
5 possibility of riverboat gaming.

6 In the last fifteen years, an effective, public -
7 private partnership has made a sizeable investment in
8 Switzerland County's future. This investment program has
9 been designed to help create jobs and expand the tax base.
10 But more importantly, it has given the citizens of Vevay
11 and Switzerland County a renewed faith, a source of pride
12 and a very positive attitude. I hope to convey to you
13 today that the citizens of this community have the
14 experience, the capacity and the desire to help support the
15 development and ongoing operation of a first class
16 riverboat project such as that proposed by Pinnacle Gaming
17 Development Corporation.

18 Our community was greatly benefited when native
19 son and philanthropist Paul Ogle decided to share his
20 wealth to help his hometown in an effort to strengthen and
21 diversify its local economy. Mr. Ogle, along with local
22 civic leaders, created Vevay - Switzerland County
23 Foundation, a non-profit, charitable purpose organization
24 with a clear and focused mission, to preserve, create and
25 promote our architectural heritage, to aid in the

1 continuing improvements of the community for its citizens
2 and to assist local government and it's agencies in a way
3 that would lessen the burden of government upon its
4 citizens.

5 The foundation, created in 1979, with a local
6 board of directors, became a catalyst for community change
7 while serving as a conduit for Mr. Ogle's generous giving.
8 The vision he created for his hometown helped energize the
9 community. They responded with the same hard work,
10 cooperation and determination that our Swiss forefathers
11 exhibited in our early development.

12 The foundation, in partnership with local
13 government and the community, embarked on a long term
14 development strategy with tourism as it's centerpiece.
15 This strategy was selected because of the beauty of the
16 hills and the river, our cultural heritage, rich history
17 and abundant architecture, and the ever important proximity
18 to urban markets, all within an easy commute.

19 In the early eighties, a series of projects were
20 planned and implemented by the community. A downtown
21 revitalization program provided new sidewalks, trees and
22 streetlights. This was followed by a building facade
23 improvement program where virtually every downtown building
24 received some restoration assistance.

25 In the mid-eighties, the foundation provided a

1 capital construction grant program to several local
2 organizations. Funds were given to local fire departments,
3 emergency medical services, county churches, our two
4 incorporated towns, as well as others.

5 By 1985, our initial development efforts were
6 complete, but it was during this time that discussions with
7 travel and tourist experts indicated a real need for a
8 hotel or a motel to help support those development efforts.
9 With the exception of local bed and breakfast inns, our
10 county had no hotel or motel. Mr. Ogle, never being
11 daunted by details, decided that if a hotel was what his
12 community needed to carry forth it's vision, a hotel it
13 would have. Today the Ogle Haus Inn serves as this
14 community's crown jewel, providing excellent accomodations
15 and ammenities for thousands of tourists and visitors. The
16 Ogle Haus Inn is the first contact that many newcomers and
17 visitors have with our community and we believe that it
18 leaves them with a favorable impression that encourages
19 repeat visits. The Ogle Haus Inn has also helped encourage
20 the development of other shops, restaurants and
21 attractions. Altogether, this development has become an
22 important source of new jobs and also helping to expand our
23 tax base.

24 More recently, and in the past four years, a
25 series of community projects have been developed and

1 implemented to improve our quality of life. These major
2 projects include the Vevay and Markland Dam Riverfront
3 Parks, a new public library, courthouse restoration, an
4 adaptive reuse of the old Carnegie Library into the new
5 Town Hall, five water and sewer projects throughout the
6 county and a new riverfront subdivision that's nearing
7 completion.

8 In the conclusion, I believe that we have been
9 preparing for this opportunity for some fifteen years. We
10 simply did not know that it might come in the form of
11 riverboat gaming. An article in your packet from the
12 Indiana Department of Commerce profiled our efforts three
13 years ago. In that publication they stated: the
14 determination, hard work and cooperation of this community
15 should bring Vevay out of the rough, in time, and turn it
16 into Indiana's - - one of Indiana's tourism hotbeds, for
17 there is a sense of contagious excitement in this charming
18 community that can only foster significant accomplishments.
19 We agree with that assessment. Awarding Switzerland
20 County a license would certainly be a stroke of goodluck
21 for us, but there is a saying that luck comes to those who
22 prepare for it. Mr. Commissioner - - Mr. Chairman,
23 Commissioners, I believe that Vevay and Switzerland County
24 are prepared and the citizens of this community will do all
25 to endeavor that if you should award us a license that it

1 will be successful and a viable proposition. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

3 ROSE HARBERT: Rose Harbert, 33 Tague Road,
4 Vevay, Switzerland County, USA. Good morning.

5 My husband and I own and operate two businesses
6 here in Vevay. (Microphone fell) I guess I got your
7 attention. (Laughter)

8 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: We do have a, uh - -

9 MS. HARBERT: Technical problem here. I won't
10 touch it.

11 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: You want to come up and check
12 it? We'll, uh . . .

13 MS. HARBERT: Again, good morning. One of the
14 most difficult things I think I've ever had to do is to put
15 into words the love and the pride I feel for Switzerland
16 County and to say it in a span of four minutes. It has
17 often been said Switzerland County is Indiana's best-kept
18 secret.

19 I would like to share with you this morning how
20 Bill and I discovered Switzerland County and how we became
21 part of the business community and my hopes for our
22 county's future.

23 Thirty years ago, before I met Bill, he and
24 several fishing buddies came to Switzerland County after
25 reading in Field and Stream magazine about the great

1 catfishing at Markland Dam. The next few years they made
2 many trips - - weekend trips here to boat and fish the
3 Ohio River.

4 My first trip to Vevay was in 1970 for the Swiss
5 Wine Festival, along with a hundred thousand other people.
6 At the time, Switzerland County's only mode across the - -
7 transportation across the Ohio River was by ferryboat. One
8 was upriver above Florence - - above the dam at Florence,
9 and the other one here in Vevay.

10 At the time Bill and I married in 1972, we
11 resided in Fountain County. It's located seventy miles
12 west of Indianapolis on Interstate 74. Later that summer
13 we established a weekend residence here in Switzerland
14 County. For years, both summer and winter, we spent every
15 available weekend here. We travelled from the banks of the
16 Wabash to the banks of the Ohio, one hundred and eighty-
17 five miles one way. We always looked forward to our trips
18 to Vevay on Fridays and always dreaded the trip home on
19 Sunday evening. We were never ready for the weekend to
20 finish.

21 By 1985, we owned and operated three business in
22 Fountain County and in February of that year we opened our
23 fourth business here in Vevay. Although there were
24 seventeen empty buildings in Vevay's business district at
25 the time, we felt very positive about it's future.

1 For over two years we commuted weekly between our
2 businesses. These two years changed the course of our
3 lives. During that time, we sold our businesses and our
4 home in Fountain County, built a new house, and in October
5 1988 we made Switzerland County our home.

6 Six years ago this month, I opened our second
7 business here in Vevay, a candy and gift shop. Over the
8 years, each of our businesses have relocated to larger
9 locations here in town. The growth in my business is
10 attributed directly to the growth in tourism. The tourist
11 dollar accounts for over fifty percent of my business. I
12 invite visitors in my store to sign a registry and it's
13 quite interesting where they're from. I've had visitors
14 from Australia, England, Switzerland, Scotland, Germany,
15 Japan and all states across the United States, from east
16 coast to west.

17 Over the last thirty years, we have seen
18 tremendous changes and progress in Switzerland County. To
19 mention a few, the building of the bridge over Markland
20 Dam, giving us access to Interstate 71 and making
21 Cincinnati and Louisville nextdoor neighbors; the
22 construction of our beautiful Ogle Haus Inn; the
23 development of year round tourism; witnessing the growth
24 of the business community, with Vevay's newest business
25 opening it's doors tomorrow; and last, but not least, the

1 opportunity for riverboat gaming.

2 The last two years, by far, have been the most
3 interesting and exciting. Riverboat gaming will provide
4 great growth potential for the entire business community of
5 Switzerland County.

6 Mr. Forbes and his associates have attended
7 numerous meetings with local business owners. From the
8 beginning, Pinnacle Gaming was willing to share with us
9 their plans for this unique project. James welcomed our
10 many, many questions and he listened to our - - and most
11 importantly, they listened to our ideas and our
12 suggestions.

13 I feel Pinnacle will be a tremendous asset to
14 Switzerland County's business community. A riverboat in
15 Switzerland County will provide needed employment
16 opportunities. A riverboat - - The addition of a
17 riverboat will make Switzerland County a premier tourist
18 destination. A riverboat will create the demand for new
19 businesses and services to meet the many needs of our
20 tourists and residents alike. Instead of seventeen empty
21 businesses, which we once had, there will be seventeen new
22 businesses. The day you grant Switzerland County a
23 riverboat license, it can be said, once upon a time
24 Switzerland County was Indiana's best-kept secret. Thank
25 you.

1 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

2 JOHN KEETON: My name is John Keeton. I'm the
3 President of the Chamber of Commerce here in Switzerland
4 County. I live at 686 Highway 129 with a Vevay address.
5 And thanks for this opportunity.

6 Switzerland County is unique from the land
7 terrain standpoint, the people and the rural attitudes.
8 The consideration for applying for and the potential
9 attraction of a gaming boat has truly challenged this
10 county and it's leadership. Rural communities consistently
11 lack the wide range of individuals that will serve, be
12 involved, visionary and that are willing to step forward
13 and provide the necessary commitment to serve it's local
14 organizations. The number of individuals that have been
15 mobilized into committee work and involved with the gaming
16 issues have been surprisingly large. A leadership two
17 thousand program, a five day comprehensive program with
18 speakers and interaction, saw fourteen Switzerland County
19 individuals involved and completing the training. They
20 paid two-thirds of the cost and now have the tools to help
21 with supplying needed leadership.

22 The infrastructure of this county of this county
23 has been neglected for years. Improvement in roads,
24 sewers, gas lines, schools, public library and the
25 courthouse are only a few that our committees are presently

1 working and attacking with vigor. The county has lots to
2 offer to a growing tourist industry and the added jobs
3 would be received with great enthusiasm to the local
4 public. This county cannot and will not go back to the
5 attitudes of the past number of years. Whether this vote
6 comes to our party or not, this county has changed it's
7 complexion for the future.

8 Switzerland County has a great work ethic coming
9 from a very rich heritage. On a given day you may see Dale
10 Andrews with his team of Belgian horses plowing tobacco,
11 the Gerrard families with their Amish buggies on Highway
12 129, or Bruce Hutcherson's thirty foot head combine. You
13 know that it's a rural community and the friendliness by
14 the number of people that show up for funerals. The number
15 of part-time farmers that daily give of their working time
16 are truly examples of a long history of working values.

17 This county realizes that the potential strength
18 and weaknesses of a gaming boat and the created jobs, the
19 leadership is committed to focusing on long term and long
20 range planning process. I have heard leaders express short
21 and long term goals for continuing before, during and after
22 the boat. This chamber will continue to encompass the
23 entire community and it's needs. The blunt recognition of
24 what this geographical area has to offer is one result of
25 the discussion and dialogue that's taken place for the past

1 two years. The negative attitudes that have prevailed for
2 a long time, that nothing will ever happen to Switzerland
3 County or Vevay, is in the process of change. Many
4 individuals are convinced that we can decide our future and
5 destiny.

6 I have visited with the President of the Dearborn
7 County Chamber and Ohio County Business and Professional
8 Organization to plan an after-boat party to bring these
9 three communities back into a friendly and cooperative
10 spirit. Southeastern Indiana must realize our strengths
11 and market these in the spirit of friendship and vision into
12 the twenty-first century. This county has strengthened
13 it's attitudes and resources, never to return, and these
14 committed citizens are facing the future.

15 I'm on a national committee that is organizing in
16 1997, we're going to have three thousand people at a
17 national convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. It's a three
18 state initiative that we will have people from that coming
19 to Switzerland County.

20 The one thing that I have on my little name tag
21 that I think very much represents Switzerland County, it
22 says Mission Possible, Uniqueness with Unity. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. SCORE is sort of
24 running out of time here. Uh, is there somebody
25 who we could talk to about, uh - - You have

1 about five, six minutes total left out of the
2 forty-five. We don't want to miss any of your
3 important presenters, but how much more time do
4 you think you need over and above your forty-
5 five?

6 THOMAS CONROY: Twelve or fifteen minutes.

7 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay. Well, in other words,
8 you would run about twenty minutes more from
9 right now?

10 THOMAS CONROY: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay. Well, uh, is that
12 alright with the Commission?

13 (Commission members indicated agreement to the
14 additional twenty minutes)

15 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay. Well, why don't you go
16 ahead and try to - - Yeah, well, see, we'll
17 back everybody up if we don't, so the twenty
18 minutes, I think, can work out, but if you'd make
19 sure that we live by that, so that would put us
20 at about nine-thirty or a little past.

21 THOMAS CONROY: Then we'll go for twenty more
22 minutes.

23 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay.

24 DON RICHARDSON: Okay. Good morning. My name is
25 Don Richardson. I am the Executive Director of a not-for-

1 profit organization named River Valley Resources and I'll
2 try to skip over the, uh, fluff and take this right to the
3 heart of it.

4 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: That's what we want.

5 DON RICHARDSON: Yeah. Here in Switzerland
6 County and ten other counties which make up Southeastern
7 Indiana, I manage a number of employee training programs,
8 including the Job Training Partnership Act and
9 (indiscernible), better known as the Employment Service.
10 I work with an organization named River Valley Resources
11 headquartered in Madison, and, in fact, the services we
12 provide are applicable to all three of the communities who
13 are going to be appearing before you here today. So
14 politically and honestly, I have to say that I'm speaking
15 in behalf of everybody. I do have a kind of a special
16 feeling for Switzerland County, having years of good
17 support and having witnessed what these people in this
18 county can do, how they can call upon their resources and
19 pull things together and make things happen, and what I'm
20 skipping here are some of the examples of that, hoping
21 other people can represent that as they make their
22 presentations to you here today.

23 What we do and the investment that we make in
24 this process is to first meet with operators of the
25 riverboat you are about to approve for operation. We

1 conduct a task analysis of the essential jobs that make up
2 that operation, including jobs that are peripheral to the
3 operation, but that inevitably occur when you have an
4 enterprise of this magnitude moving into a community. We
5 try to find out what kind of academic skills are required,
6 what kind of personal and technical skills are required, we
7 develop a recruitment plan, we develop a legally defensible
8 assessment and selection, instrument and process, and get
9 on with the business of trying to identify right applicants
10 for the job. We have a real good history of this. Some
11 people that we identify will be right and ready, straight
12 ahead off the top. Some will be ripe for employment. Some
13 of the jobs that are created will require training and
14 preparation and we do that. Some - - the minority, in my
15 experience - - won't have a prayer, but our objective
16 would be that, come opening day, working with all of these
17 communities, there would be a ripe and ready work force
18 available to get on with the job.

19 Of importance to me, to you, I will assume, and
20 to the local folks who are speaking with you during your
21 visit here, our focus will be targeted exclusively to
22 insuring that Hoosiers get the first shot at these
23 opportunities. People here in Switzerland County and folks
24 in Dearborn and Ohio County have a solid work ethic that
25 was mentioned earlier - I've witnessed it for twenty years

1 the sort of value and self-sufficiency which seems
2 endangered, if you watch television, in alot of communities
3 around the country. The community leaders, educators,
4 employers, elected officials and others in this community
5 have a strong commitment to excellence and a proven ability
6 to bring together the resources necessary to get the job
7 done. I have had a good experience. People here take
8 their value from hard work, from a job well done, from
9 loyalty spanning generations, from a common vision and I am
10 confident, based on my experience, that these folks can
11 pull it off. I have the capacity from one day to the next
12 and the necessity to call Betty Bovard at our office here
13 in Vevay, to call Teresa Link, who will be speaking with
14 you in a few minutes, Chuck Overbey you met earlier, Tom
15 Conroy, and I ask them for advice or assistance and they
16 can respond. I've never been let down and I've seen these
17 people pull some things together that I consider to be
18 virtually impossible.

19 The vision of the job opportunities that will be
20 created and the opportunity to participate and help to
21 support and make that work excites me and I welcome you all
22 to hear the various presentations and make a good decision
23 and am confident that you will. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

25 QUESTION BY DAVID ROSS: Question, sir.

1 MR. RICHARDSON: Yes?

2 DAVID ROSS: Is your training service, has that
3 been ongoing or has that primarily started
4 because of the casino?

5 MR. RICHARDSON: No, we have been in business for
6 about twenty years in one form or another
7 administering JTPA, as I mentioned, the
8 employment service, and we've worked with
9 probably a hundred and fifty, two hundred
10 business start ups in Southeastern Indiana
11 overall. Most of the services are at no cost, so
12 we do have a good and a successful history of
13 doing that.

14 MR. ROSS: Thank you.

15 EARL CONNER: My name is Earl Conner. I'm a
16 life-long resident of Switzerland County. I live in York
17 Township.

18 I would like to say a few words about my area,
19 Florence, which was settled in the year 1800 and originally
20 was New York. It was a typical rivertown, farming the main
21 operation. When I first came to Florence, they had three
22 stores, a barber shop, post office, church and a garage, at
23 one time, even a bank. It was a thriving little town. I
24 have seen the change from gravel to blacktop roads.

25 I believe a riverboat can bring new life to

1 Florence and the county as a whole. I have worked with Mr.
2 Forbes and his associates from the start of this project.
3 Florence and York Township voted this in by sixty-three
4 percent, the widest margin for the county. I also feel
5 that people that don't gamble can enjoy the facilities of
6 the compound and the county can be proud of. Mr. Forbes
7 has stated he will be a good friend and neighbor to the
8 area and the surrounding communities.

9 We already are onto the process of getting a new
10 sewage project started in Florence and the surrounding
11 area. We are now getting ready for the boat project and,
12 in my opinion, it will be the greatest outfit this county
13 will ever have in the - - with the Markland Dam and the
14 Kentucky traffic. I can see great things for Switzerland
15 County and the surrounding areas. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

17 TERESA BOVARD: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
18 Commission and staff members. I'm Teresa Bovard. I think
19 Don Richardson mentioned that I was Teresa Link, but I'll
20 answer to anything. I live at 10 Waterfront Drive,
21 Florence, Indiana, with my daughter, Annie. My home is one
22 mile west of the Markland Bridge. Switzerland County has
23 been my home for a lifetime.

24 In 1989, I decided to stay in Switzerland County
25 and become the owner and broker of a real estate company,

1 instead of accepting a job with the Internal Revenue
2 Service. Now, there are three of my family members and
3 others working with me in the business. I negotiated the
4 property options for the riverboat site here in Switzerland
5 County and I believe that thirty-six miles of riverfront
6 will be an advantage to attracting other business. I have
7 seen some increase in value since the referendum a year and
8 a half ago; up to twenty percent on homes and up to sixty-
9 five percent on unimproved property.

10 I'm trying to hurry through this.

11 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Take your time.

12 MS. BOVARD: Okay. I believe that we can see
13 another increase when the boat is placed in Switzerland
14 County, maybe even up to fifty percent. We have several
15 large tracts of land in the county that we have had alot of
16 interest in since the referendum passed.

17 According to the Indiana State Board of Accounts,
18 Switzerland County has one of the state's lowest tax bases
19 of only around forty-three million dollars, yet we have the
20 third highest rate in the state, surpassed only by Lake and
21 Delaware Counties.

22 We have clients from Cincinnati, northern Indiana
23 and Kentucky calling our office on a daily basis.

24 And I want to thank you for your consideration in
25 giving - - or awarding Switzerland County a boat. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

3 CRAIG BOND: Good morning. Craig Bond. I live
4 at 38 Concord Road, Patriot, Indiana, six miles east of the
5 bridge, four miles east of the proposed complex. I own and
6 operate J & J Enterprises. We are an ICC authorized
7 contract carrier operating in forty-eight states and
8 Canada. I'm a former employee of the Indiana Department of
9 Transportation, having resigned my position as a rural sub-
10 district manager in October 1994 to devote full time to my
11 own business.

12 What impact will a riverboat in Switzerland
13 County have on transportation issues pertaining to INDOT?
14 First, we must realize that the need to build is monitored
15 continuously. This is accomplished by traffic count,
16 physical inspections and, most of all, anything that would
17 endanger the safety of the motoring public.

18 Traffic counts are performed at locations thought
19 to be average for the area in review. I'm sure all of you
20 have noticed those rubber hoses stretched across the roads
21 with the little box tied on the end of them? They were
22 counting traffic. In some of the most recent counts on
23 Highway 56 at the Markland Dam, in one twenty-four hour
24 period twenty-three hundred and ten vehicles were counted.
25 In that same twenty-four hour period on Route 50 in

1 Dearborn County thirty-three thousand, eight hundred eighty
2 vehicles were counted. Switzerland County needs productive
3 traffic.

4 State highways are built and maintained solely
5 from gasoline and fuel taxes, so the more vehicles we have
6 coming this way, the more tax money we're going to have
7 available. A license in Switzerland County will definitely
8 help to improve the highway system in Southeastern Indiana,
9 thus opening the door for other business and industry to
10 follow.

11 Thanks to the efforts of our local tourism
12 bureau, Switzerland County has experienced some traffic
13 increase in recent years, resulting in several
14 improvements. Some projects scheduled for '95 and '96
15 include the resurface of 156 from Vevay, east of the
16 junction of Highway 56, an estimated cost of over two
17 million dollars. Replacement of two bridges, one just west
18 of town, Indian Creek, between here and Madison, the other
19 over Green Valley Creek, another seven miles on down the
20 river, another two million dollars. On Highway 250, just
21 west of Patriot, a couple of bridges, over eight hundred
22 and sixty-five thousand. Erosion and landslide control
23 along the river, 156, just in Switzerland County alone,
24 over three million dollars have been allotted for the next
25 two years. And in the planning stages now, the

1 realignment of State Route 129 from Highway 250 in Pleasant
2 to 56, just east of town.

3 Although I'm no longer a part of INDOT, you can
4 rest assured they will respond to any needs that burden our
5 highway system or affect the safety of the motoring public.

6 In closing, I want you to know, Switzerland
7 County needs a riverboat. Switzerland County wants a
8 riverboat. Our willingness to share our resources with
9 seven counties of region twelve will make the State of
10 Indiana proud of Switzerland County when a license is
11 issued here. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

13 TOM RICHARDSON: Good morning. I'm Tom
14 Richardson. My wife, Judy, and I own a home at 503 West
15 Market Street and a business address of 106 East Main
16 Street, both here in Vevay. We've lived in Vevay for seven
17 years and have been in business here for four.

18 We came here from Northern Kentucky because we
19 liked what we found in Switzerland County. Few places
20 remain that afford the opportunity to live among nineteenth
21 century architectural treasure and at the same time provide
22 ready access to metropolitan areas within approximately one
23 hour. Every effort should be made to ensure that this
24 uniqueness is protected, because few places on this earth
25 have the natural beauty of Switzerland County.

1 Judy and I selected Vevay as a location for our
2 business because it's our home and because of the
3 availability of labor. One only has to drive to Vevay one
4 time to realize that we are not situated at the
5 transportation hub of the nation. However, our business
6 requires that in order to provide the service to our
7 customer, the product must be transported to Vevay daily.
8 This material movement for us requires trucks travelling
9 daily to Ohio and Kentucky, sometimes twice daily to each
10 location. The daily transportation of material in raw and
11 finished state has never been interrupted in the four years
12 of our business existence due to road conditions or
13 weather. Improved roads would be great for this area, but
14 existing road conditions will not prevent us from providing
15 work for our thirty-five employees.

16 Thank you for your attention.

17 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

18 LEROY BRAMMER: My name's Leroy Brammer, 1447
19 Highway 156, Patriot, Indiana. Good morning and welcome to
20 Switzerland County. I'm President of the Switzerland
21 County Area Planning Commission, and also serve on the
22 zoning appeals board. I would like to give you a brief
23 outlook of the zoning board in Switzerland County.

24 The zoning in Switzerland County was truly last
25 updated in 1972. As of the first of February, '95, Harry

1 Sheridan of Metropolitan Planners Incorporated of
2 Indianapolis was given a one year contract to help both
3 boards write and update our zoning laws and ordinance,
4 (indiscernible) by National Department of Resources in 1994
5 and they asked our riverfront, including flood plain,
6 waterways, be changed to comply with their standards.
7 March the 1st, 1995, the county commission passed a new
8 ordinance to help comply with these requests. The area
9 planning commission voted and passed a building code
10 ordinance. The county commissioners will have a hearing on
11 this ordinance May the 1st, 1995. If this passes, the
12 county building codes will be the same as the state
13 building codes. We now have an executive secretary and
14 hope by July the 1st, 1995, when we have additional funds,
15 we will hire a full time building inspector.

16 Switzerland County, Vevay, Patriot was
17 established as one area planning department in the early
18 sixties. Our population in Switzerland County has
19 increased from six thousand, three hundred and six to seven
20 thousand, seven hundred and thirty-eight from 1970 to 1990.
21 Now, with the population on the upswing, along with other
22 trends, there is a great need for the citizens of
23 Switzerland County to renew their planning and zoning
24 efforts in order to accomplish the following objectives.
25 The highway system be carefully planned.

1 We are going to do of our roads existing
2 proposals which roads would be approved first.

3 Second, that new developments grow only with
4 accurate public (indiscerible), utility, health, education
5 and recreation facilities. With the population on the
6 increase, there will be more demand for housing
7 developments. How they are developed should not be left to
8 chance. We must have plans in place to provide the proper
9 growth.

10 That the needs of agriculture industry and
11 business be recognized in future growth (indiscernible) we
12 have in this county and the area subject to flooding,
13 (indiscernible) is becoming a precious commodity. We must
14 protect the agriculture pursuit with compromise and basic
15 use of this land. Industry certainly cannot be ignored in
16 the planning process, preserving what we already have and
17 providing for expansion of new development. And business
18 expansion, this is a real planning task, especially when it
19 is not know if the gambling industry will end up here in
20 our county or possibly nearby.

21 Four, that resident area provide helpful
22 (indiscernible) for family life, the task here is to
23 preserve the good things and eliminate the undesirable
24 conditions that growth of the community (indiscernible) and
25 public lands.

1 Well, this is the task that the Area Planning
2 Commission is looking forward to doing. We want to combine
3 all five of these objections into a (indiscernible) plan
4 for Switzerland County, a plan that people in this county
5 wants, and a new zoning code would be developed to help
6 make the plan a reality. We have given ourselves one year
7 to get this done. We think this is a plus for Switzerland
8 County. Since we our writing our new codes to update the
9 county if riverboat gambling comes to the county we are in
10 the position to have good zoning laws. Thank you.

11 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. I have
12 a quick question. You do have county wide zoning
13 presently, is that correct?

14 MR. BRAMMER: Yes, it was rewritten in 1972 and
15 has been a few updates in that time, but by the
16 end of the - - the first of February of next
17 year, we will have a complete new zoning as
18 required by the state and what the county people
19 require.

20 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay. But you can
21 control development at the present time?

22 MR. BRAMMER: Oh, yes, yes. We have - - We are
23 - - We approved, uh, Tuesday night we approved
24 twenty-six permits for Switzerland County. Yes,
25 we are fully operating now. We were reorganized

1 the first of this year, new board members elected
2 and so we are a viable organization.

3 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: The reason I ask is, I come
4 from Hamilton County, which is just north of
5 Indianapolis. They did not have county wide
6 zoning and something happened up there that
7 surprised everybody and now they have county wide
8 zoning, but prior to that time, they did not and
9 basically had no control over what was going on.

10 MR. BRAMMER: Right. No, we have full - -
11 Well, and I think it's a plus that we have one
12 board controlling the whole county and the town,
13 which gives us a plus for this organization,
14 because we control the whole county and we have
15 real good working relations with both
16 incorporated towns.

17 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Are the - - I
18 guess you're going to call them directors or - -
19 of your commission or board, are they elected or
20 appointed?

21 MR. BRAMMER: They are appointed.

22 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Is there anybody on
23 your historic society from Vevay upon the board?

24 MR. BRAMMER: I don't believe so.

25 MR. SUNDWICK: Okay, thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

2 KIRK WORKS: Kirk Works, 1007 West Main Street,
3 Vevay. Good morning.

4 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Good morning.

5 KIRK WORKS: After graduating from the University
6 of Evansville and working in Evansville for three years, I
7 decided to return home to Switzerland County. I looked for
8 a job in Switzerland County, but there were none. I was
9 fortunate enough to find a job just across the river in
10 Kentucky. Thanks to the Markland Dam Bridge, which
11 provides easy access to Kentucky, I'm able to live in Vevay
12 and work in Kentucky.

13 Since 1991, I have worked for two steel plants
14 just across the river. I have witnessed firsthand the many
15 consultants and contract workers needing a place to stay
16 anywhere from one week to one year. Many of those people
17 stay here at the Ogle Haus. It has been commented to me
18 how nice and accomodating this hotel is and what a
19 wonderful place Vevay, Switzerland County, is. They often
20 ask me about the status of riverboat gaming in Switzerland
21 County. I continue to tell them it is coming soon. I ask
22 why the interest in riverboat gaming. There response would
23 be they were looking forward to a local place where they
24 can go with their colleagues for some fun and
25 entertainment.

1 I'm aware of many young people who would like to
2 return to Switzerland County after graduating from college,
3 but are unable to do so because of the lack of job
4 opportunities. This gaming development will open up many
5 job opportunities in Switzerland County. Tourism,
6 advertising, marketing, accounting, information systems,
7 management will now be available right here in Switzerland
8 County. This would allow college educated people to live
9 and work in their home county, thereby increasing the
10 number of members in the community who would be actively
11 involved in the many community activities in Switzerland
12 County.

13 One of those community activities is the annual
14 Swiss Wine Festival, which I am chairman of this year. I
15 can remember when I was a kid and was fascinated by the
16 many carnival rides and large crowds of people that
17 attended the festival each year. Today the festival is
18 more community oriented and is now sponsored by the Vevay -
19 Switzerland County Lions Club. The festival committee is
20 made up entirely of community volunteers. We are very well
21 organized and have been planning since October for this
22 year's festival. For the first time, we have applied for
23 and received four different grants totalling over eight
24 thousand five hundred dollars. We are spending over ten
25 thousand dollars promoting both the festival and

1 Switzerland County through brochures, posters, radio and
2 newspaper advertisements to the surrounding area, including
3 Cincinnati, Louisville and Indianapolis. As you can see,
4 this community has put their support behind this festival,
5 as well as many other community events throughout the year.
6 This community is made up of many hardworking volunteer
7 minded individuals, as evidenced by the homebaked goods
8 brought here today.

9 Commissioners, I urge you to grant Switzerland
10 County a riverboat gaming license because the people
11 currently living here and the many college educated people
12 who would like to return to Switzerland County are ready,
13 willing and able to make this project a success, not only
14 for Switzerland County, but for the State of Indiana.
15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

17 THOMAS CONROY: In your booklets you will find
18 some maps and things in the back that might be helpful with
19 you when you tour the proposed site tomorrow and we thank
20 you for your time and sincerely look forward to seeing you
21 fellows at the grand opening if we are awarded a license.
22 This concludes SCORE's presentation.

23 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay, well, thank you very
24 much. We may move our break up a little bit, but
25 before we do, I understand that a state

1 representative is here. Would you - -
2 Representative Cleo Duncan, would you like to say
3 a few words? We certainly welcome you here and
4 it's a privilege to have you with us.

5 REPRESENTATIVE CLEO DUNCAN: Thank you. I am
6 very pleased to be here today. I didn't know that I would
7 be able to be here. I know that the original intent of the
8 legislation was to provide economic development along the
9 Ohio River for the less wealthy of our counties and also I
10 - - a couple things. With the bridge at Markland Dam,
11 with Gallatin Steel coming in, with the State of Kentucky
12 committed to improving the road to the bridge, I would urge
13 your support of awarding a license, a riverboat license, to
14 Switzerland County and thank you all for coming and being
15 here and thank you for having me.

16 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay, well, thank you for
17 coming. I think we will take our break now.
18 It's - - We'll take a fifteen minute break.
19 That would put us back here at ten minutes of the
20 hour, so . . .

21 (A break was had)

22 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: We, of course, will end the
23 break. It's getting toward ten o'clock. We'll
24 go to Sherry Houze.

25 SHERRY HOUZE: I'm Sherry Houze. My nickname is

1 Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. That's an inside joke. I'm
2 from Highway 56, Vevay, Indiana, and not Kansas. But I
3 feel like I've been granted an audience with the Grand
4 Wizards of Riverboat Gambling. I have brought - - I would
5 have brought Toto with me today, but the Ogle Haus doesn't
6 allow pets. I have travelled the Yellow Brick Road today
7 as a representative of the Ogle Haus, being the banquet
8 coordinator here, to tell the Grand Wizards why Switzerland
9 County should have a riverboat casino.

10 Each comment given here today will be very valid
11 for those making their presentations to the Wizards, based
12 on what they believe. We at the Ogle Haus Inn understand
13 that the gaming commission will, in part, make it's final
14 decision based on some of the reasons presented here.

15 I would like to present to you some of the
16 reasons why we would like to see the riverboat based in our
17 county and why we believe it would be a positive venture
18 for Switzerland County. Switzerland County, and especially
19 Vevay, has long been a tourist attraction. People come
20 from all over to enjoy the scenic view of this small, well-
21 kept historical rivertown. Vevay was not only held - -
22 held onto it's historical setting and breathtaking
23 landscape, but has incorporated much of the modern
24 technologies, which is the essence of survival in today's
25 society. Switzerland County residents have shown by their

1 vote that they are ready and willing now to take on another
2 challenge, a riverboat casino.

3 It wasn't until just a few short years ago that
4 Switzerland County started to realize what it was going to
5 take to keep Vevay and the surrounding communities on the
6 map, and that's tourism. Through the efforts of the
7 county's Chamber of Commerce, the Ogle Haus Inn, Vevay
8 Visit Volunteer Organization and other local and city
9 groups, Switzerland County's tourism has continued to
10 develop to the point that it has gained recognition from
11 the state tourism commission. This has not been an easy
12 task to achieve, but certainly well worth the effort.

13 The Ogle Haus feels that the riverboat casino
14 would not only benefit our community and the surrounding
15 communities by providing the needed training, education and
16 monetary benefits it could offer, but we also feel that by
17 placing the riverboat here in Switzerland County, the
18 riverboat casino itself would benefit.

19 As mentioned before, Vevay has been attracting
20 people from all over the country for many years as a
21 beautiful, historic rivertown with much to offer tourists.
22 With Interstate 71 and 75 accessibility by the Markland Dam
23 Bridge, people come from all over to this picturesque
24 community nestled in the foothills of Southeastern Indiana
25 and the rolling riverbank of the Ohio. Another indication

1 that attracting tourists to a riverboat casino in
2 Switzerland County would not be a problem is the fact that
3 many times it is difficult to make reservations here at the
4 Ogle Haus Inn and surrounding bed and breakfasts, because
5 we are booked up a year in advance.

6 Drawing from personal experiences with groups, a
7 new recreation complex and hotel accomodations with a civic
8 center would not have any problems at all with booking.
9 Businesses and industries from all over the tri-state area,
10 Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, come to the Ogle Haus for
11 conventions, training seminars, company parties, bookings
12 for private weddings and receptions, family and class
13 reunions, are also in constant demand. And let us not
14 forget those that come just for the sheer enjoyment of
15 Switzerland County's friendly places and smiling faces.

16 In recent years, the Wine Festival, which at it's
17 peak in the mid-seventies, attracted somewhere in the
18 neighborhood of one hundred thousand visitors in a three
19 day span. It has begun to steadily grow again. The
20 original festival was discontinued due to its overwhelming
21 size and growing popularity. The community was not
22 prepared to deal with such crowds and problems that
23 accompanied such an event. That was twenty years ago. As
24 the old saying goes, live and learn. We've lived and
25 learned that such a venture as a riverboat casino requires

1 extensive planning, organizing and networking with
2 professionals from within, as well as outside of our
3 community.

4 The people of Switzerland County are ready and
5 willing to take on this challenge. It has taken a great
6 deal of sacrifice and commitment by many people to get
7 Switzerland County where it is today. These people have no
8 intentions on stopping now with or without a riverboat
9 casino. These people, as well as new ones, who now see the
10 importance of being involved in the direction of their
11 economic future, will continue to plan, organize and strive
12 to obtain a common goal, that goal being growth, not just
13 in the number of people coming as tourists, but as
14 individuals themselves. We will continue to keep building
15 on what we have already begun to achieve, that being making
16 Vevay and Switzerland County not just a place to stop when
17 going from one place to another. No, we are now becoming
18 that point. We are a destination. Switzerland County's
19 future does not hinge on whether or not it obtains a
20 riverboat casino. We will continue to emerge as a place
21 where people want to be. We are an attraction all by
22 ourselves. A riverboat casino will be another jewel - -

23 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Excuse me, ma'am. Your time
24 is up. I'm really sorry.

25 MS. HOUZE: Thanks.

1 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: We've enjoyed it. Thank you.

2 EVELINA BROWN: I'm Evelina Brown. I reside at
3 33 Van Brandon Road in Pleasant Township - and it is
4 Pleasant to live there - on a hundred and twenty-five
5 acre farm in Switzerland County, Indiana. I'm the County
6 Council Attorney and I've been fortunate to be there when
7 this exciting thing has been happening and, uh, I wanted to
8 let you know that. Also let you know that I served as a
9 chairperson for a steering committee on the Always a River
10 project that you saw a clip of, I think, at the beginning
11 of this meeting.

12 I wanted to tell you a little bit more about that
13 event. That was a grand, grand happening, and hopefully
14 some of you got to visit the barge. That was a project
15 that was sponsored by the Humanities of six differ - -
16 Humanities Council of six different states, Illinois,
17 Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.
18 What it consisted of was a river barge museum that floated
19 down the river from Pittsburg to Cairo. It had twenty-one
20 different docking sites, one of them being Vevay, Indiana.
21 Now, what was amazing and what I think is important to tell
22 you very briefly here - we couldn't believe it - we
23 had in this little town more visitors than any other site,
24 including all of the large cities. We had eight thousand
25 people that paid to get onto the barge and we estimated we

1 had like two thousand others that we gave complimentary
2 passes to that didn't pay. So to compare, the other
3 Indiana site of Mt. Vernon had one thousand visitors. So
4 you can see the success. And we were overwhelmed by it
5 and I think lots of people were very surprised. Now, why
6 was that so successful here? I think there are many, many
7 things that you could attribute it to. I'm not going to
8 read this - - I wrote this yesterday in St. Vincent
9 Hospital. My husband's recovering from another angioplast.
10 He's had fifteen. Did you know you could have fifteen
11 places ballooned and still function? They put a stint in
12 yesterday. And I'm not telling you that to get sympathy.
13 I'm telling you that so you can see how important it was to
14 me to get here and speak to you this morning and how
15 important this project is - - I mean, it is to us and it
16 is to our sister county of Ohio. And if we don't get it,
17 give it to them, please. You know, both of us - - we both
18 need it. We want it here. We think you should choose
19 Switzerland County and that's why I want to tell you the
20 rest of this speech. But anyway, the reason why I think
21 that it was a success here in Switzerland County is
22 location. The Markland Bridge. I mean, we were centrally
23 located. We cooperated with three counties on this side of
24 the river and three on the other side. We had Tremble,
25 Carroll and Gallatin Counties, and Ohio, Switzerland and

1 Jefferson Counties that worked on that project, all the
2 historical societies, the schools, the churches, people of
3 all the different counties came in and we had all kind of
4 wonderful events, like a river belle contest, you had to be
5 fifty-five years young to be in it, you had to wear an
6 authentic costume, you had to tell your fondest memory of
7 the river and that sort of thing. We had cook-offs. We
8 had music, drama, music on the streets. It was just a
9 grand happening. So I think it was organization.

10 We have lots of people - - and you've seen some
11 of them here. They're dedicated. They've got experience,
12 they've drawn thousands of people to our festivals, to the
13 Wine Festival and to this one. They know how to get that
14 done. They will work with Pinnacle. They will enhance it.
15 There will be events that will compliment it. It will be
16 very successful. We'll make alot of money for Indiana and
17 for our communities, I believe. The other reasons, I
18 think, marketing. We didn't have very many dollars back
19 then in 1991, but we used those dollars wisely. Think what
20 we could do if we had money enough to market. And it was
21 like an established tourism group, Vevay volunteer, Anita
22 Danner - - you saw how talented she is, and a group that
23 worked with her and they - - they helped us to get that.
24 There was involvement, but mainly location. I think we
25 have the place where the riverboat license should be

1 awarded. Thank you very much.

2 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

3 PRESTINE CHAPMAN: My name is Prestine Chapman
4 and I'm the Executive Director at the Switzerland County
5 Welcome Center, so I want to welcome all of you to
6 Switzerland County. I live at 515 Ferry Street, just four
7 blocks from my office.

8 The welcome center is a full service convention
9 and visitor's bureau, serving Switzerland County and the
10 Southeastern Indiana region. Approximately ninety percent
11 of the Switzerland County activities involve marketing in
12 some way. We currently rent space in the historic Hoosier
13 Theater and operate on a strict budget derived from the
14 Indiana Uniform Law Enacted Innkeeper's Tax. The
15 Innkeeper's Tax moves directly from the collection point to
16 the county auditor's office, then a check is issued to the
17 Switzerland County Recreation, Convention and Tourism
18 Commission, which oversees all the funds. The Welcome
19 Center's cost (indiscernible) approximately ninety-five
20 percent of the innkeeper's tax fund. As I said before, the
21 welcome center deals mainly with marketing.

22 (indiscernible) in June, 1992, coming on board to develop
23 a new organization. Since then, the welcome center has
24 developed a new full color brochure assisted with the
25 expanded visitor's guide and this year aided in the

1 development of a full color brochure for the Swiss Wine
2 Festival. We have supplied the information for many
3 newspaper and magazine articles on Switzerland County,
4 including this year's fulfillment piece for the Indiana
5 Department of Tourism's Regional Guide to South Central
6 Indiana.

7 The Welcome Center works with several other
8 organizations each year to fund and staff booths at
9 regional travel shows. Regional cooperation is very
10 important to us, so we have supported as many regional
11 groups as possible. I am currently on the board of
12 Historic Southern Indiana, the President of the Tourism
13 Council of Historic Hoosier Hills, which governs tourism in
14 an eight county southeastern Indiana area, a member of the
15 Association of Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and a
16 member of the Ohio River Scenic Route Committee.

17 We like to share our wealth when we can with
18 other groups in our area. Some of the groups that have
19 benefitted from the welcome center's funding include the
20 Hoosier Theater, the Switzerland County Historical Museum,
21 local merchants and the Chamber of Commerce, to name a few.

22 Since the opening of the welcome center in 1992,
23 the occupancy rate here at the Ogle Haus has risen from
24 sixty-nine percent to eighty percent, which is a good
25 indication in the rise in the number of visitors to

1 Switzerland County.

2 The Markland Dam Bridge allows access to
3 Switzerland County from Louisville, Lexington, Georgetown,
4 Frankfort and the Greater Cincinnati area. Bloomington,
5 Indianapolis and Columbus have access through I-65 and the
6 Ohio River Scenic Route. This access is important now, but
7 will be even more so when a riverboat locates in Florence.
8 A new interchange ramp is currently planned by the State of
9 Kentucky off I-71, just above Gallatin Steel, which is
10 located just below the Markland Bridge.

11 Location of a riverboat in Florence would bring
12 up to six hundred thousand dollars per year in new funds to
13 the tourism commission. These funds will be used to
14 relocate and to purchase new equipment for our main office.
15 A new satellite office will be permanently located at the
16 riverboat site and will be staffed by a new employee, a
17 group tour manager. A new secretary will also be hired to
18 assist the executive director in daily operations.

19 A long range plan is currently in a developmental
20 stage. This plan is prepared in anticipation of riverboat
21 gaming funds, but it is also a plan that will address the
22 issue of riverboat gaming longevity.

23 Pinnacle Gaming will bring nine hundred and
24 ninety-five new jobs to Switzerland County, which is very
25 important to our area. The people who live here do not

1 always qualify for high paying jobs and the training
2 provided by the riverboat company will not only upgrade
3 employment skills, but will also build pride in our
4 citizens. Riverboat gaming means tourism, jobs and growth
5 for Switzerland County. Thank you.

6 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: I have one
7 question. I don't know if you're the person to
8 answer it. You've just stated that there is to
9 be a interchange off 71 someplace?

10 MS. CHAPMAN: Yes.

11 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: And do you know
12 what stage that project is in? I know it's a
13 Kentucky project, but does anybody know exactly
14 what's happening?

15 MS. CHAPMAN: I did call about that yesterday and
16 it will be - - it is anticipated to be in place
17 or started, anyway, sometime within the next five
18 years and that's as far as I can find out from
19 Carrollton.

20 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Was this a
21 commitment that Kentucky made to the steel people
22 before they put their plant in, is that my
23 understanding, or do you know anything about
24 that?

25 ANITA DANNER: The land has been purchased.

1 MS. CHAPMAN: Yeah.

2 ANITA DANNER: And that is a committment that
3 Kentucky made for those businesses located along
4 the Ohio River to give them a faster access to
5 the river road. Right now you have to get off at
6 Carrolllton or at Warsaw or at Glencoe and travel
7 a country road, so this is a direct access.

8 MS. CHAPMAN: When I called Carrolllton yesterday,
9 the Economic Development Director there said that
10 it is a necessary thing to bring that access ramp
11 off I-71 to Gallatin Steel, because so many new
12 companies have located up and down that area that
13 it is a necessary item.

14 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: But you don't know
15 whether that is a firm commitment by Kentucky to
16 - -

17 MS. CHAPMAN: It has been - - It has been
18 promised to the people who own businesses along
19 that river, yeah.

20 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Is that everyone's
21 understanding of the status of where we are on
22 that?

23 MIKE JONES: Chairman Kineman: I understand from
24 talking to officials in Kentucky with the
25 Department of Transportation that it has been

1 funded and it is part of an incentive package
2 that was offered to those new companies.

3 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay. Anyone else have any
4 questions?

5 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Is there a time line on
6 that, that you know of?

7 MIKE JONES: I think she was right - -

8 MS. CHAPMAN: Within five years.

9 MIKE JONES: - - when she said within five years
10 completion.

11 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: And opening up of
12 the interchange, then they have to build the
13 access road, too, is that my - - or is the
14 access road in place?

15 ANITA DANNER: You're only talking two miles.

16 MIKE JONES: Yeah, it's - - Chairman Kineman,
17 it is a short distance. You say two miles?

18 ANITA DANNER: Yeah, 'cause you go straight.

19 MIKE JONES: But my understand from the Kentucky
20 Department of Transportation was that five years
21 was the time for it to be completely open.

22 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Any other questions? Okay,
23 thank you. We're now moving into the portion of
24 our schedule which was to be after the break that
25 we took early. Esther Crepin?

1 ESTHER CREPIN: That's Esther Crepin. I know
2 it's hard to figure that name out. I want to thank you for
3 being able to address the Commission today and I'd like to
4 share some of my personal views, along with some statistics
5 I've come up with.

6 Thirty to forty years ago many of us in this room
7 can remember when gambling was a vice on equal plain with
8 prostitution. How quickly we forget. Today gambling
9 promotion has become a key to state budget balancing. How
10 did this happen? We legalized to ease our conscience. If
11 upbeat predictions are abundant, it's apparent reliable
12 information is in short supply. A few years ago, no
13 gambling was legal in Indiana, but suddenly almost anything
14 goes. It is far from clear that local officials are ready
15 to lead their communities, including our young people, into
16 the world of slot machines and roulette wheels.

17 Is anyone doing any market research? Here are
18 some facts. Riverboats seem to have had, at best, a
19 negligible effect on the employment base in rivertowns.
20 The unemployment rates in Alton, Joliet, Peoria and Rock
21 Island, Illinois, were higher in March of 1993 than in
22 March of 1991. Alton, for instance, had an 8.5 percent
23 unemployment rate in March of 1991, and a year later, about
24 six months after the Alton Belle opened, the city's jobless
25 rate had climbed to 9.7 percent. In March of 1993, it had

1 risen to eleven percent.

2 Central City, Colorado, it opened it's doors to
3 gambling in 1991. Central City's costs to support the
4 casino industry for more police, building inspectors, city
5 planners and other officials, have soared. Central City's
6 debt has expanded from five hundred thousand in 1988 to
7 twenty million today. Central City's city manager, Jack
8 Title, says, and I quote: "I'd tell anyone who was
9 thinking of opening their community to casino gambling to
10 have his head examined. First comes the boon, then comes
11 the bust."

12 Two major factors for considering riverboat
13 gambling for any community has been the promises of jobs
14 and money. Casinos don't deliver what they promise, in
15 particular, the myth that depressed areas can recapture
16 economic vitality.

17 In New Jersey, with the lottery and twelve
18 casinos, the state earns only six percent of it's revenues
19 through gambling. Unemployment has not changed, taxes have
20 increased. Street crime, rape, larsony, assault and auto
21 theft have gone up three hundred percent.

22 Clinton, Iowa, with a population of thirty
23 thousand dollars. City records show no increase or
24 decrease in the city's tax revenue since the boat arrived
25 in 1991. Tax money has flowed into the community, three

1 hundred and seventeen thousand dollars since the boat
2 opened, yet that money did not cover the cost of three
3 hundred and fifty thousand dollars it took to put in water
4 and sewer lines to the boat's dockside.

5 Deadwood, South Dakota, on Main Street, a
6 department store, a woman's clothing store, a shoe store,
7 a drug store, and two hardware stores, have been shut down.
8 In their stead there are novelty and gift shops and
9 casinos. "You can't buy a pair of socks in downtown
10 Deadwood", states a local resident. Even the Mayor
11 Overlander states, "The greed factor is definitely here."

12 Cripple Creek, Colorado, a historic town, tourism
13 is down thirty-five percent. Most local stores sold to
14 casinos, others were boarded up and abandoned. Four
15 casinos have closed due to overcrowding.

16 Fort Madison, Iowa, two riverboat gambling owners
17 pulled out leaving the community with six hundred local
18 unemployed and a 2.6 million debt to riverfront
19 development.

20 Finally, casino owners have used economic
21 leverage against state legislatures. Right now, in
22 Atlantic City, for example, the new law - - the first law
23 gave them one casino; now they have eleven major casinos
24 and twenty-four hour operation. It is extremely important
25 to note that virtually every avenue where casinos operate

1 constant efforts have succeeded in expanding casino
2 operations beyond the original purpose. Casino operations
3 in Iowa and Illinois this very day both are now threatening
4 to abandon these states unless the legislatures rescind
5 restrictions.

6 The carrot dangled in front of our nose would
7 eventually become a noose around our neck. Friends, this
8 is a price too high to pay.

9 Let me share something personally. Proverbs 22:1
10 says: A good name is rather to be chosen than great
11 riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

12 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Excuse me, ma'am.

13 MS. CREPIN: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Yeah, thank you very much.

15 Toni Allen?

16 TONI ALLEN: Hi. My name is Toni Allen and I
17 live at 25 Fishing Worm Ridge in Switzerland County, Vevay.

18 Living outside of Atlantic City, New Jersey, for
19 fifteen years, I got to watch the steady deterioration of
20 Atlantic City and it's surrounding areas after the casinos
21 started in 1978. Prime farm land sprouted condos, malls
22 and development. Local family businesses closed down and
23 were replaced by chain stores and families lost their homes
24 and moved away. Local people became victims to increased
25 traffic accidents, mostly caused by drunk driving. They

1 were victims of robberies, rapes, vandalisms and batteries.
2 Taxes rose, crime rates rose, pollution in lakes, the
3 rivers and the ocean increased and welfare costs
4 skyrocketed. The area became overpopulated, overtaxed and
5 overregulated. From 1976 to 1992, Atlantic City's police
6 budget tripled to twenty-four million dollars while it's
7 local population decreased by twenty percent. During the
8 first three years of casino gambling Atlantic City, in per
9 capita crime, went from fiftieth to the first among U.S.
10 cities. Sixty-one percent of those crimes were related to
11 casinos and three out of six mayors were arrested and
12 jailed for corruption. Atlantic City lost one-half of it's
13 population in a decade and one hundred out of two hundred
14 and fifty restaurants closed down in 1978 alone. People
15 came out to gamble, not to shop, and the industry sucked
16 money out of local theaters, clothing shops, car
17 dealerships and restaurants. Private rescue missions went
18 from helping fifteen people a day to helping five hundred
19 people a day. And despite the fact that New Jersey has
20 horse racing, lottery and twelve casinos, the state earns
21 only six percent of revenue through the gambling. Casinos
22 in Atlantic City did not alleviate the problems there; it
23 created more. The slums are still there, two blocks from
24 the casinos. There is more crime, more problems with
25 alcohol and drugs, more prostitution and related diseases.

1 The point is, the people did not - - of the community did
2 not benefit from it.

3 It's true that Switzerland County does not have
4 much wealth in dollars, but it is a great asset to the
5 state of Indiana for it's beauty, peacefulness and history.
6 There are not many places left where we can raise our
7 children that are good and wholesome. People come here to
8 retire and others come in from the cities to escape the
9 ratrace lifestyle of overpopulated areas. It's a unique
10 little oasis to the hustle bustle of other communities.

11 Since my family moved here three years ago, five
12 other new families have moved into our neighborhood alone.
13 Switzerland County has been experiencing a slow, but steady
14 and healthy growth. Being mostly a farming community,
15 there's no infrastructure to support at this time a sudden
16 and great influx of people and I feel a floating casino
17 would cause a quick boom that would be followed by a bust,
18 stagnating real estate and other related businesses. I
19 feel that the people of this county who have high hopes and
20 expectations of a riverboat casino will be greatly
21 disappointed, that the recent buyout of Paradise is a
22 perfect example of how quickly things change and how little
23 control the people of Switzerland County will have over a
24 big business, like riverboat gambling.

25 For these reasons, I ask the Commission this

1 question in making their decision for the location of a
2 gaming license: Why take a relatively safe, peaceful,
3 clean environment and turn it into another problem
4 community? If the state wants to help Switzerland County,
5 then help us preserve it's good qualities, not destroy
6 them. Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Mr. Goble?

8 ED GOBLE: Good morning and thank you for coming,
9 to the Commission. I appreciate you coming to Switzerland
10 County. Let me clarify. I'm former state representative
11 Ed Goble. I had Switzerland County in my district
12 originally back in 1970 when I was first elected and one of
13 the issues at that time was, we need a bridge across the
14 river at Markland Dam and we were eventually successful
15 with that and my Republican colleague friends chose to
16 redistrict me out of Switzerland County and I ended up up
17 at Bartholomew County, instead of Switzerland County. So
18 I have changed alot as district wide, but eventually I came
19 back when I had the opportunity. I redistricted myself
20 back to Switzerland County. And I can recall the debate in
21 the House regarding riverboat gaming. The legislators from
22 Gary were very adamant about the need for that opportunity.
23 Thousands of people were leaving Gary. The industries up
24 there were not doing well. And they wanted that
25 opportunity and they fought very hard and I was the House

1 Majority Whip for four years and helped them get the votes
2 necessary to pass riverboat gaming, the opportunity being
3 there for the counties along the river to vote it either up
4 or down, not a moral issue, but whether or not they wanted
5 riverboat gaming.

6 I'd like to read to you just briefly out of the
7 Bill itself, section seven: In granting a license under
8 this chapter, the Commission may give favorable
9 consideration to the following: one, economically
10 depressed areas of Indiana - - I think Switzerland
11 County, if you would check, would certainly qualify - -
12 and then two, applicants presenting plans that provide for
13 significant economic development over a large geographic
14 area. They have done that. Switzerland County Council has
15 passed a resolution sharing their revenue with seven
16 counties, and I'm told that several of those counties
17 already have accepted that and voted in favor of that.

18 I-71 is just across the river and access to
19 Switzerland County, because the bridge is there, it goes
20 both ways and we think that the opportunity for people to
21 come to the boat would certainly be there.

22 The jobs is what I'm really concerned about here,
23 because, you know, we hear talk of divorces in Switzerland
24 County. The divorce rate is extremely high. You only need
25 to go to the local school and find that out. I believe

1 that if jobs are available, families tend to stay together.
2 It's devastating to be fired or laid off and not have a job
3 and be able to provide for your family. So I think it's
4 extremely important that they have that opportunity here in
5 Switzerland County. I'm not here to debate the moral
6 issue, but I certainly think that the jobs are certainly
7 important and a boat will allow access to those jobs and
8 economic development, which is certainly needed.

9 And let me just point out to the Commission one
10 other thing and I think which is important. Down on the
11 Governor's desk today is Senate Bill 572 and House Bill
12 1722. Both of those passed overwhelmingly, calling for one
13 boat per county. I really believe the intent of this
14 legislation was to allow that economic development in those
15 depressed areas; that certainly proved that.

16 The question should not be, where can the State
17 put a boat to make the most money or the greatest amount of
18 money for the state. The question should be, where can the
19 boat be located which gives the greatest impact on local
20 areas for economic development and creation of jobs. I
21 appreciate your support for Switzerland County.

22 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Goble.

23 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: Can I ask a
24 question?

25 MR. GOBLE: Go ahead, sure.

1 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: You didn't address
2 this, but we talked about the access over the
3 Markland Dam Bridge. Something that came up
4 before and maybe you can answer it or somebody
5 else Somebody mentioned that a boat
6 would actually be able to cruise in Indiana
7 waters easily in that location - -
8 MR. GOBLE: I have a river chart that was
9 provided for me by a realtor, of all places, from
10 Kentucky and I went to his office to look at
11 that, because that was a question, and it's my
12 understanding that there's six hundred and sixty
13 foot of right-of-way on the Indiana side above
14 the dam and someone locally here can answer that
15 better, but he showed me the charts and then,
16 also, up river for four or five miles, so there
17 is cruising ability on the Indiana side, in my
18 understanding, if the charts that he showed me
19 are accurate - - and when I looked at them, he
20 showed me the locations and I have no reason to
21 doubt those charts. Those were U.S. Coast Guard
22 charts.
23 MS. BOCHNOWSKI: Okay. That was something that's
24 come up before and I think it's a real concern.
25 MR. GOBLE: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Mr. Goble, I guess you
2 probably know that this Commission has employed
3 IUPUI to evaluate the economic development that
4 each one of the applicants in any location have -
5 - would have if they were granted a license, so
6 this Commission has been well aware of the
7 legislative intent in that regard and we look at
8 those reports very carefully and the multiples
9 that they provide, as far as employment and so
10 forth, so we are aware of that aspect. And the
11 income to the state by way of tax revenue is way
12 down on our list. We want to create jobs.

13 ED GOBLE: Well, I understand, Mr. Chairman. I
14 understand that, uh, at one of the committee
15 meetings that I was at the people who were
16 proposing the two boats was talking in terms of
17 making a great deal more money for the state, so
18 I just simply wanted to point out that that is
19 not, as you understand, the important criteria
20 here.

21 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, thank you.

22 ED GOBLE: Thank you.

23 HERBERT ROHMANN: My name is Herbert Rohmann. I
24 live at 65 Varble Lane here in Vevay. And Mr. Chairman and
25 ladies and gentlemen of the Indiana Gaming Commission, I

1 appreciate the opportunity to present you with data and
2 conclusions that I have gathered regarding gambling and
3 poverty as a trained researcher. My experience as a
4 researcher is a result of earning four university degrees,
5 including a Doctor of Philosophy and teaching research
6 skills at a university graduate school. In any research
7 that has validity, integrity and credibility, at least two
8 components must be part of the process. They are a
9 collection of unbiased data and an unbiased conclusion or
10 conclusions drawn from that data. That enables the reader
11 or the listeners, in this case, of the research to take a
12 legitimate and appropriate course of action.

13 From my research on the issue of gambling and
14 poverty, I have drawn three pervasive conclusions that I
15 should like to share with you so that you can make the
16 correct decisions for Switzerland County. They are:
17 number one, it presents a false hope; secondly, it
18 promotes a financial hazard; and thirdly, it produces a
19 fiendish habit.

20 First of all, it presents a false hope. Their
21 biggest promotional for gambling is, 'We will bring
22 economic development to this community'. That is true.
23 However, it is true only for a select few. The notion of
24 economic development is a canard and grossly misleading.
25 The research shows, generally, over a period that the

1 opposite is true.

2 Switzerland County's financial condition is one
3 of the poorest in Indiana. It's ninetieth out of ninety-
4 two. Our condition of poverty in Switzerland County is one
5 - - I called the Welfare Department and discovered that
6 there are alot of statistics there, but I can't quote them
7 all to you, but it would substantiate the fact that we are
8 a very poor county. A large group of the population has
9 temporary jobs and those who work have poor paying jobs.
10 The gaming people prey on poor people and present them with
11 false hope.

12 Secondly, it promotes a financial hazard. I have
13 a research brief done by Focus on the Family here and there
14 are two statements that I'd like to quote to you from the
15 research. I quote, "Two Duke University researchers
16 concluded that the poorer the household, the greater the
17 percentage of income devoted to gambling." Secondly,
18 "Nearly two decades ago, the government's task force on
19 gambling came to much the same conclusion regarding
20 gambling in general. The task force found that those in
21 the lowest income bracket lost more than three times as
22 much money to gambling as a percentage of income as those
23 at the wealthiest end of the spectrum." I have a
24 synopsis here of twelve conditions that accrued in Nachez,
25 Mississippi, that is a county that has legalized gambling.

1 I'd like to quote the eleventh one to you, supporting the
2 fact that gambling is a financial hazard: "Social services
3 needs are up. The clientel on the boat is primarily low to
4 middle income and the greater part of the business comes
5 from a fifty mile radius. Nachez is the only town in Adams
6 County and the surrounding counties are rural and poor.
7 Neighboring Jefferson and Wilkison Counties are among the
8 poorest counties in the nation.

9 Thirdly, it produces a fiendish habit. Again,
10 I'd like to quote a research brief here and this is what it
11 says, I quote: "They're legalizing gambling all over the
12 country" he said. Along with that is coming explosive - -
13 exploding of compulsive gamblers that are being destroyed
14 all over the country. According to gamblers anonymous,
15 there are an estimated six to ten million compulsive
16 gamblers in the country, up from three million in 1986.
17 Now, what happens as a result of that? Listen to this:
18 Arnie Wensler wagered and lost more than three hundred
19 thousand - - he's not relatively poor, I would say - -
20 but he lost three hundred thousand by the age of thirty, a
21 compulsive gambler, his marriage deteriorated to nothing
22 while suicidal thoughts swirled in his mind, "I was looking
23 around to kill myself."

24 Just a few concluding comments here. I received
25 a theme from one of the local high school students and, uh,

1 he's in the tenth grade, age sixteen. This is what he
2 wrote, his perception of gambling in Switzerland County:
3 "I don't think that the riverboat is a good idea, because
4 the poor people will be there and the welfare is too high
5 in this county and now the people will rob and get more
6 money to steal and lose."

7 Folks, I have a button here and, uh, you're
8 probably thinking, "Well, he's an enigma." But look here.
9 See the smoke up there? It says Jobs and Tourism. That's
10 where it's going to go, up in smoke. And here, Float the
11 Boat Where it is Most Needed - - it is not needed in
12 Switzerland County.

13 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you very much. Those of
14 you who are unable to get into the room - - and
15 I'm sorry, but this is the best we could do - -
16 could you hold your conversations away from the
17 doorways, because it is interfering with our
18 ability to hear the speakers, so I would
19 appreciate it if you would do that for us. John
20 Scudder?

21 JOHN SCUDDER: My name is John Scudder. I live
22 at 2033 Highway 56, Vevay. I pastor two small churches in
23 Switzerland County, but I'm also a retired Indiana State
24 Police officer and it's from those experiences that I wish
25 to address this group this morning.

1 I have a paper that I would like to give to the
2 committee when I'm through. It's about a meeting, county
3 people going to Indianapolis to urge improvement of State
4 Road 129. It's the end of many long lists of people who
5 have gone to Indianapolis to try to get our roads improved.
6 I hope they have more luck than the ones before them. I
7 noticed, also, that there was two people on the program
8 this morning who were in that committee and I did not hear
9 their presentations, but I agree with them one hundred
10 percent. State Road 129 is sub-standard, it's dangerous
11 and I believe that there must be much work done on it
12 before we invite people to come this direction for any
13 reason.

14 Monday morning I started from my home in East
15 Enterprise to Vevay. At the top of the hill I was stopped
16 by a sheriff's car and held in a line of traffic for
17 approximately twenty-five minutes. At the end of that time
18 there was a mobile home that came up the hill. That hill
19 is so narrow and so crooked that they have to block traffic
20 before you can come down.

21 As I was thinking about this presentation,
22 there's other things on that hill that came to my mind.
23 Just after you come through the horseshoe bend, there's a
24 rough spot where the road's sliding into the creek. It has
25 been doing that ever since I patrolled more than thirty

1 years ago. At that one spot there was a fatal accident
2 years ago. The grand jury refused to indict. They said
3 the road was so rough that they thought that was
4 contributing influence. A short distance down, if you
5 happen to travel that way, you'll see the road is still
6 sliding into the - - over the hillside. I investigated an
7 accident there where three young men lost control, went off
8 the road and hit a tree, killed them all. I used to know
9 exactly where that was, but the tree died. Even trees
10 don't live long on a hillside where the soil keeps
11 shifting. A little farther down the hill there was a
12 vehicle went over the bank, turned over, the passenger
13 couldn't get out, the car caught on fire, the person
14 burned. It's not a good way to spend an evening, waiting
15 for a car to cool off to get a partially burned body out of
16 it.

17 If you came - - I don't know how you came to
18 this meeting. If you came 129, you understand what they're
19 talking about in this article. If you came from Madison,
20 which is the east/west access road to this area, you came
21 across a place where there are barrels out already and in
22 this article it says that the road is slipping into the
23 river. As you come from the little community of Lamb, you
24 will find about seven miles of road where if you walked off
25 to your right on the river side, you will find several

1 places on the road where this is no berm. If you pull off
2 the edge of the white line, you have thin air.

3 I patrolled this road for nine years as a
4 trooper, from 1957 to December of 1966 when I was promoted
5 to detective. I still drove the road, but I did not
6 patrol. I drove well over four hundred thousand miles on
7 patrol in Ohio, Switzerland and Dearborn County. I believe
8 I know these roads as well as most anyone in this group.
9 I would suggest if you have good vision or you can imagine
10 if you would think of yourself travelling from the
11 community of Lamb toward Vevay some winter evening just
12 after the boat has let out their people, I understand that
13 alcohol is not discouraged on the boat, and as you would
14 meet a stream of traffic, a solid stream, imagine how you
15 would feel knowing on that narrow, twisting road if someone
16 could not stay on their side of the line, you have no place
17 to go.

18 If you came to this area from the east, down
19 State Road 156, you will find the road is sliding into the
20 river. In fact, it has slid farther than State Road 56.
21 About a year ago, it was closed because it had become so
22 dangerous to traffic. I don't know how long it was closed.
23 I did not go down to look. If you've seen one road, you've
24 seen 'em all.

25 Whether the side of gambling that we are on,

1 Indiana is either an accomplice, an accessory or a partner
2 in the gambling exercise. I believe it's incumbent,
3 whichever one that we think Indiana is, to provide the
4 safest environment for the travelling public that it
5 possibly can. That means good planning, good construction,
6 good maintenance and good patrol. This county only has
7 slight control over the patrol. But you can't remember - -
8 or can't imagine yourself travelling up State Road 56
9 facing that line of traffic, because you'll leave here, but
10 I'll face it and so will the people who live here. And
11 some - - When I think of road defects, I can't help but
12 thinking of people, because people is what we're talking
13 about. I know there's lots of money involved, but people
14 are involved, also.

15 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Scudder.

16 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Mr. Scudder, may I ask
17 you a question?

18 MR. SCUDDER: Yes.

19 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Based upon your personal
20 experiences, let's assume a minimum of fifteen
21 hundred cars additional per day, Monday through
22 Friday at noon, and five thousand additional
23 vehicles Friday at noon through Sunday, what's
24 your personal opinion of the three roads you've
25 mentioned being able to handle that type of

1 traffic safely?

2 MR. SCUDDER: It would be impossible for them to
3 handle them safely. I'm on the Sheriff's Merit
4 Board and I know that they are asking for an
5 increase in patrol personnel. If they have
6 anything like that much traffic, all those people
7 will be doing is answering calls. They will not
8 be doing patrol work. I made the schedule at the
9 post for years. I have some expertise in how
10 many people it takes to patrol roads and I don't
11 believe in any way, shape nor form, without major
12 overhaul these roads can handle that traffic with
13 any degree, let alone a reasonable degree of
14 safety.

15 JACK THAR: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Anybody else? Thank you.
17 Carolyn J. Miller? Welcome.

18 CAROLYN J. MILLER: Thank you. I welcome you all
19 to Switzerland County, especially to Vevay, Indiana, and
20 the Ogle Haus. You've heard the statistics and I don't
21 have alot of statistics for you and I'm no professional in
22 the area of statistics. I have a few that I've read, but
23 I want to tell you that I'm a mother and I'm a grandmother
24 and I am a concerned citizen of Switzerland County.

25 The gambling referendum here passed by only one

1 hundred sixty-seven votes and I want to make that into your
2 minds, a hundred sixty-seven votes, and the issue has been
3 a very divisive thing in our county. Being a very small
4 place, everybody knows everyone else's business and
5 everyone else's relative and everything that goes with it,
6 and this issue has caused a division between co-workers and
7 friends and family members being very divided on the issue.
8 And I'm especially concerned over the families in our area.
9 We just heard it said by Mr. Goble that possibly this
10 gambling opportunity may help marriages in the area, but
11 it's the first thing I've ever considered that gambling
12 might help marriages. In fact, the statistics that I've
13 read might prove otherwise.

14 And we do have the opportunity for jobs.
15 Unfortunately for us, they're moving across the river.
16 There are factories opening up over there. There's a great
17 opportunity to go up to the dam, cross over and get jobs,
18 and this is becoming a bedroom community. But we'd like to
19 see some industry appropriate for our community to move in
20 here. We'd like for that revenue to come back to our
21 state.

22 Now, the gamblers that were moving in our area
23 said, "Look at Tunica, Mississippi, because we can do for
24 you what we did for Tunica." So my husband and I travelled
25 down there. The day that we were there a young man had

1 been killed in a car accident that they had not determined
2 whether or not it was caused by the traffic, due to the
3 increased traffic due to gambling. But he had died. They
4 did have his funeral there. But afterwards, we questioned
5 as many people as we could, a cross-section of the
6 community, librarians, teachers, police persons, and we
7 were really disturbed to find out that some of the teachers
8 in the area supplement their income by working at the
9 casinos in the summertime. To us, that seemed
10 inappropriate. And in fact, in our own school system, some
11 of our teachers are either supporting and/or promoting
12 gambling, which also seems inappropriate to me. I guess
13 what I'm trying to say is, I'm concerned over the influence
14 that our role models have on our families, our children,
15 everyone from our own teachers, our 4-H leaders, attitudes
16 about Michael Jordan, and he's a hero among our teens, and
17 his well-publicized gambling affairs, that all bothers me.

18 Now, here's a statistic for you. Ken Hunter, who
19 is the Chief Postal Inspector of the United States Post
20 Office, while discussing embezzlement among postal
21 employees, had this to say: He said, "There's three main
22 C's", he calls it, "that are behind the embezzling these
23 days in the post office, the three top reasons, one is the
24 C of chance, one is the C of chemicals, and one is the C of
25 credit, and the C of chance is the one that's the fastest

1 growing." In other words, gambling is the fastest growing
2 reason behind embezzlement.

3 Now, teens are gambling and why - -

4 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Excuse me, Mrs. Miller.
5 Excuse me just a minute.

6 MRS. MILLER: Yes, uh-huh.

7 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Mr. (indiscernible), would you
8 ask those people to be quiet, please? I'm sorry
9 to interrupt you, but, uh - -

10 MRS. MILLER: No problem.

11 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

12 MRS. MILLER: Now, we wonder about teens gambling
13 and I wonder, also, and I'm sure not all of it's done in
14 casinos, 'cause how can they get in? And floating boats
15 looks like to me they'd be less apt to get in, but it is a
16 proven fact that in areas where there is gambling, it seems
17 that, maybe because it is the accepted thing, teens also
18 are doing the same thing. Now, I did find that forty-six
19 percent of teens mention some form of borrowing in
20 connection with gambling. 2.4 percent have borrowed from
21 their unsuspecting bosses. I'm sure they have the
22 intention to pay it back, but it doesn't usually happen
23 that way. Teens are twice more apt to become problem
24 gamblers than adults are and ninety-six percent of all of
25 our adult problem gamblers began gambling as a teen. In

1 Illinois, six to eight percent of their teenagers are now
2 problem gamblers.

3 So, I guess what I'd like to say to remind you is
4 that this referendum passed by a hundred and sixty-seven
5 votes. We don't need these potential problems in our
6 community and we don't need the boat in Switzerland County.
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Okay. Andy Sims
9 has asked to be moved up on our agenda. Is he
10 present at the present time?

11 ANDY SIMS: Are we going to have a break or
12 anything like that?

13 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Beg your pardon?

14 ANDY SIMS: Is there not going to be a break or
15 anything?

16 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: No, we're going straight
17 through.

18 ANDY SIMS: Okay. Thank you for the opportunity
19 to speak today. I've been opposed from the outset to
20 gambling in any form in any county. No referendum or
21 legislative act can make gambling the right thing to do.
22 It is morally and ethically wrong to risk the welfare of
23 gamblers, their families and our communities for the sake
24 of raising revenue. We can pretend that those negatives
25 won't be so bad or the money is too good to pass up, but

1 the truth haunts us; it just isn't right.

2 But that's not why we're here today. The
3 question today is, what counties should be granted a
4 gambling license. It's not about jobs or downtown
5 development or even revenue sharing. Every county has
6 those same hopes and dreams. But if that boat is misplaced
7 and does more harm than good, there will be no revenues.
8 In your discretion is the choice.

9 Ohio County is not prepared to absorb the influx
10 of multi-million dollar complex and it's demands upon our
11 resources, city services and self-government. I'm not
12 afraid of change, but offering an industry that's laced
13 with corruption and built upon deceit uncontested power
14 over our small town is frightening. Let me give you four
15 examples of how this imbalance of power poses a real threat
16 to Rising Sun.

17 First, it's going to drain our resources. Our
18 electric, water and sewage are all maxxed out now. The
19 schools need to expand to cover increased enrollment. That
20 proves, number one, that our town is not dead, like we've
21 been lead to believe in order to scare us into accepting
22 gambling, but it also shows that years of planning and
23 construction are necessary before we can handle significant
24 growth without jeopardizing our community. I used to live
25 in a town that developed too quickly, and so every other

1 weekend in the summer we had no water at our home.
2 Expansion of the water supply took years. Will gambling
3 companies promise to delay operations until these issues
4 are resolved? No, that problem is our's and we aren't
5 going to solve it overnight.

6 Second, more than half of our entire county will
7 be owned by one corporation . . . half. The assessed
8 value of Ohio County is twenty-one million, four hundred
9 and fifty thousand dollars. The proposed gambling projects
10 will have an assessed value of over twenty-six million
11 dollars. That's not fitting in; it's taking over. Will
12 the concerns of a typical homeowner be given a fair
13 hearing?

14 What leverage will we have if they don't keep
15 their promises? Last month, our city leaders tried to play
16 hardball with one of the gambling companies over some
17 unresolved lawsuits. Nice try, but we were out of our
18 league. In less than a month, we backed down.

19 Their only goal is to make money. It is a
20 business. But a city isn't supposed to be just buildings
21 or boats or bottom lines. It's people. And if one
22 corporation can cast it's shadow over an entire county, the
23 people will be the ones that are left in the dark.

24 Third, the voice of our small town will be hard
25 to hear. The referendum over gambling was supposed to be

1 to let the counties decide, yet the gambling companies
2 spent over sixty thousand dollars on that election,
3 compared to about two thousand raised by the opposition
4 from within the county. They've hired P.R. firms to coach
5 their speakers for this hearing and others. There's no
6 telling how much they would be willing to spend to lobby
7 for their issues in Indianapolis. Do you really think the
8 voice of Ohio County is being heard?

9 Tomorrow you're going to see one gambling
10 company's billboard that stood in flagrant violation of our
11 zoning code for two years. Today they got a temporary
12 permit, not to please us, but to impress you for tomorrow.

13 Funds for road work keep getting diverted for
14 more important locations we're told. We don't seem to be
15 big enough to get anyone's attention, but suddenly you are
16 interested in us? We're small, but we're not foolish.
17 We're being used.

18 Finally, our town's population on any given day
19 will double or even triple. You can only imagine how
20 overcrowded our town of just twenty-five hundred people
21 will be. It's a numbers game. The negative impact is
22 multiplied because we are so small to begin with. What
23 happens when crime, compulsive gambling, drunk driving,
24 emergency and welfare assistance, family counselling,
25 traffic and safety issues are tripled or even worse in our

1 small county? And inconvenience to larger towns is a
2 crisis for us. Common sense tells you the smallest county
3 in Indiana can't handle this influx. Ohio County is the
4 wrong choice.

5 Let me end by saying, I believed in Rising Sun
6 First before there were T-shirts. They've got the wrong
7 name. For them, gambling is first, but if Rising Sun is
8 forced to compete against a multi-million dollar
9 corporation it will end up getting second best. Please
10 don't let them sell our town's quaint riverfront character.
11 We're a great little town; we're not a gambling town.
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. I probably should
14 have announced to the group that we have switched
15 from Switzerland County, which, of course, up
16 here we all have agendas and understand what's
17 happening, but for the audience, we have switched
18 from Switzerland County to Ohio County, and Mr.
19 Sims had to be put forward because he had an
20 emergency type situation.

21 MR. SIMS: I appreciate your flexibility.

22 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay.

23 QUESTION BY DAVID ROSS: Mr. Sims, what is your
24 position at Rising Sun?

25 MR. SIMS: I'm the minister of the Rising Sun

1 Church of Christ there.

2 MR. ROSS: Thank you.

3 MR. SIMS: Other questions? Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. I guess I should
5 thank the people who made the presentations for
6 Switzerland County. It was most informative and
7 we certainly appreciate your coming down, because
8 without that kind of input, we really don't get
9 the flavor of the situation and we do thank you.
10 And so we'll move on now to Ohio County, which I
11 should have announced before, and the rest of the
12 people who will be on our agenda this morning are
13 concerned with Ohio County. Debbie Foutty? I'm
14 sorry to have pushed you down from the first
15 position, but, uh - -

16 DEBBIE FOUTTY: That's fine. That's fine.

17 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Reverend Sims said he had
18 something.

19 DEBBIE FOUTTY: We spoke out there and that was
20 absolutely fine.

21 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay.

22 DEBBIE FOUTTY: Good morning.

23 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Welcome.

24 DEBBIE FOUTTY: My name is Debbie Foutty. I have
25 to admit, I'm a little nervous with this today. I'm not a

1 public speaker. But I am here to talk to you today about
2 a topic that's very important to me and very important to
3 our community. I'd like to focus on Rising Sun First and
4 how a riverboat project will help us to redevelop Main
5 Street businesses. I'm a mother of four young children, a
6 member of the local school board, and Assistant Manager of
7 the Madison Bank and Trust Company in downtown Rising Sun.
8 I've been with the bank for fourteen years. In that
9 regard, I'm one of the luckiest people in town, since I
10 don't have to leave to work at my job. Most people who
11 live in Ohio County have to go elsewhere to work. We're
12 hoping a riverboat and it's accompanying destination resort
13 will help us to change that. In my spare time, I'm the
14 president of the group of people known as Rising Sun First.
15 You may have noticed one or two of us in the audience
16 today. You may have seen us at past Indiana Gaming
17 Commission meetings. We've done alot of listening so far,
18 but today's our chance to tell you about our city and what
19 we know to be a wonderful economic development opportunity.

20 Rising Sun First is an organization that consists
21 of people from our city and county and counties around us.
22 We have members from both major political parties and
23 probably a few minor parties, from different economic
24 levels and all kinds of occupations. Originally we were
25 just a group of people who kept each other informed about

1 the riverboat issue, but the more we learned about the
2 possibilities for Rising Sun, the more we became enthused.
3 It's an amazing thing when people in a community begin to
4 work together. Many of us worked to help pass the
5 riverboat referendum in Ohio County and I'm proud to say
6 our county had the highest percentage turnout in the state
7 and the best percentage of victory on the Ohio River.
8 After the referendum we recognized that we still had much
9 to learn about the project and that there was a strong need
10 for ongoing public education, both in the area and
11 throughout the state. Most people in Indiana don't know
12 about Rising Sun. In fact, I would bet that many on the
13 Commission and staff didn't know about Rising Sun at first.
14 So we decided to formalize our organization as a means of
15 raising our profile and public awareness.

16 The group's name came naturally, in that Rising
17 Sun was the first to formally request a referendum after
18 the General Assembly passed the riverboat law and given the
19 fact that we firmly believe our project can and will be the
20 first to be up and running. The effort has mobilized the
21 whole community. Rising Sun First has grown to include
22 more than four hundred people from all over Southeast
23 Indiana.

24 Our first big project as an organization was to
25 start a letter writing campaign - you may have seen a few

1 of them.

2 To learn more about riverboat's affects on
3 communities the group has taken the initiative to visit
4 other existing sites. Those visits have helped us to find
5 both what we want and what we don't want from the
6 development. We want to make sure this development
7 reflects our goals for the community. For example, the
8 project needs to be tied into the community in a way that
9 ties it in with the city's tradition and potential, as
10 opposed to it being an isolated site. We want to make sure
11 the project contributes value to Rising Sun that would last
12 beyond the life of the riverboat, building what we believe
13 will be a viable new industry for Southeastern Indiana,
14 tourism.

15 We're not trying to turn Rising Sun into Las
16 Vegas or Atlantic City. In truth, I don't know anyone here
17 who would want that. If solid guidelines and controls are
18 put in place from the beginning, we believe that riverboats
19 can and will serve as a development tool to help this city
20 succeed.

21 If this city and the new riverboat and
22 destination resort are to succeed, the project must
23 contribute to the redevelopment of our downtown,
24 particularly Main Street. As I mentioned earlier, I work
25 at the bank on Main Street in Rising Sun. Also, my

1 husband has a photography business that's located on Main
2 Street. We have a particular interest in seeing the
3 downtown revitalized.

4 Rising Sun used to be a center of commerce and
5 industry, largely because of the Ohio River. As river
6 traffic declined - the new roads and railroads passed us
7 by - those businesses left. With them went jobs and the
8 economic vitality of the town. We've watched far too many
9 buildings deteriorate into disuse over the years. While
10 fewer people came downtown, businesses closed and down
11 spiral continues unabated.

12 Main Street is the heart of the city. For that
13 reason, it is vital that the riverboat development be
14 situated so as to keep our downtown healthy. Rising Sun
15 has structured all requirement for the gaming companies in
16 a way that will ensure that the benefits of this
17 development extend beyond the gaming facility itself. We
18 envision an amphitheater entertainment center at the foot
19 of Main Street with frequent trolley service connecting the
20 gaming resort and downtown area. Whichever gaming company
21 is licensed in Rising Sun will contribute a substantial
22 amount of funding that will be used to refurbish Main
23 Street businesses. Again, let me emphasize that we have no
24 intention of turning our city into a glitzy, neon
25 splattered gambling mecca.

1 All of our research indicates that a destination
2 resort three blocks from downtown will help us build a
3 solid base of tourism. With the many commercial
4 opportunities that will accompany this influx of people we
5 will revitalize Rising Sun and Ohio County. We have a nice
6 city, but we need to keep the city alive. We hope you will
7 share our vision. When you make the decision on licensing
8 riverboats for Southeast Indiana, please remember Rising
9 Sun First. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Any questions?
11 Okay. Thank you very much. I guess I should
12 reiterate for those who may have come in later
13 and who are going to be speakers that we have
14 this system. You have five minutes to speak and
15 we are trying to hold to that. When you get down
16 to where you only have one minute left, we have
17 a yellow card that comes up - - and the ladies
18 down at this end of the table are the ones with
19 the flash cards. When you're clear out of time,
20 you'll get a red, and at that point in time I'd
21 certainly appreciate you finishing up and
22 concluding it, because it will keep us so that we
23 can hear all of the people that want to address.
24 Okay. Mr. Dorrell, is that correct?

25 JIM DORRELL: My name is Jim Dorrell. I'm from

1 Rising Sun, Indiana. Mr. Chairman, Members of the
2 Committee and staff, thank you for this opportunity to
3 speak on a project that is very important to me and to the
4 voters of Ohio County. I have lived in Ohio County for
5 eighty-five years. I have taught school for thirty-five
6 years, retiring in 1974. I have been a member of the
7 Rotary Club for forty years. I have been a member of the
8 Masonic Lodge for over fifty years. I have been very
9 active in community affairs, President of the Ohio County
10 Historical Society for the last twenty years, County
11 Historian, published four books on Ohio County and donated
12 the proceeds to the Ohio County Historical Society. With
13 this background, I feel that I am familiar with Ohio
14 County, it's past, it's present, it's ups, it's downs and
15 it's needs.

16 Ohio County is strictly a bedroom community. Any
17 prosperity we enjoy is not because of local jobs, but due
18 to those people working in other areas. Many of those
19 people have expressed a desire to have the opportunity to
20 work in their own community and opportunities for their
21 children when they grow up. Years ago local industry saw
22 this problem, local industry and agriculture. Today we
23 have no industry. Today we have less than ten full-time
24 farmers in Ohio County. We need jobs of all sorts. We
25 need professional jobs. We need jobs for those people that

1 are skilled workers. We need jobs for those people with
2 minimal skills.

3 Point two, Rising Sun High School has always had
4 a high percentage of graduates attending college. Today we
5 have five people in Rising Sun who have graduated from the
6 Rising Sun High School and college and returned to Rising
7 Sun for a livelihood. Where are the rest of those people?
8 This year seventy-four students will graduate from the
9 Rising Sun High School. Sixty percent will go to college
10 or schools of higher learning. That leaves forty percent
11 for employment in Rising Sun or thirty students. We have
12 the IGA Grocery, we have the Dairy Queen and we have Jack's
13 Restaurant.

14 Point three, the community needs revenue for it's
15 schools, for it's fire department, for it's emergency unit,
16 for it's roads, for it's streets, for it's sidewalks. The
17 high school building is thirty-six years old and we will be
18 needing a new high school building in a short time.

19 I am looking beyond this project for additional
20 aid to Ohio County. I am looking for tourism, housing
21 development, industry, new businesses. In fact, I am
22 looking for every empty building on Main Street to be
23 occupied by a successful and growing business. This
24 revitalization project for Rising Sun, Ohio County, will
25 not only benefit our area, but will benefit the surrounding

1 communities.

2 Let me make this clear, perfectly clear, I have
3 nothing to gain. Others will have the opportunities for
4 themselves and their families and their children, even
5 maybe some of our lost talent will return to Rising Sun.
6 For over a hundred and fifty years the river brought us
7 prosperity, jobs, progress. Maybe that river will do that
8 again.

9 In closing, I'm eighty-five years of age.
10 Chances are I won't be around to see this project ended.
11 Unless I happen to get hit with a golfball I expect to be
12 around here, but I would like to be around here to see this
13 project adopted. I want to see our community and area a
14 beehive of activity, not a Rip Van Winkle retreat. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Uh, Fred Ross?

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: You can go ahead.

18 FRED ROSS: Okay. Thank you for allowing me this
19 opportunity to present my thoughts to you this morning. My
20 name is Fred Ross. I've lived in Rising Sun, Ohio County,
21 for twenty-three years. I'm here today as a private
22 citizen and recent past mayor of the City of Rising Sun.

23 I understand, as former mayor, how important it
24 is for the city to provide for the health and safety of
25 it's citizens and how vital it is to constantly try to

1 create economic and employment opportunities in the
2 community. I would like to talk to you about the economic
3 and employment opportunities that would be created by
4 placing a riverboat gaming development in Rising Sun. In
5 particular, I would like to begin by telling you a little
6 bit about how we've prepared for this project.

7 As the legislature made riverboats a reality in
8 Indiana, citizens in Rising Sun recognized what a
9 tremendous opportunity such a development would create for
10 the Ohio County area and began work to make it a reality in
11 our own community. Rising Sun put together a task force to
12 analyze the issues involved and to ensure an orderly and
13 informative public process would help the city and county
14 prepare. Rising Sun was the first site to seek a
15 referendum. It passed the highest winning percentage of
16 any Ohio River county. Our community and county came
17 together in many ways. Rising Sun First - you may have
18 noticed them upon occasion - became active in maintaining
19 public support. A redevelopment committee was formed to
20 make necessary plans for the project. Zoning, planning,
21 revenue distribution, license and regulation all have been
22 thoroughly discussed in open city-county forums. In the
23 course of our preparations, we put together a vision plan
24 for the city. The plan, assembled after input from
25 citizens throughout the county, has been invaluable in

1 making sure that we are ready for this development. Rising
2 Sun has been doing and will continue to do our homework.
3 This economic development project is vital for Southeast
4 Indiana, the scope of the development being a true
5 destination resort complex, the way it integrates with
6 downtown creating opportunities for new businesses and it's
7 potential for employment opportunities will create a
8 project that will outlast the advent of competition from
9 surrounding states. This project will help us bring in an
10 industry that can benefit all of southeast Indiana - -
11 tourism.

12 Since the beginning of the riverboat process we
13 have faced many obstacles, both perceived and real. In
14 each case we have met them head on. The latest issue is
15 State Road 56. Can it handle the traffic volume safely?
16 Three traffic engineering firms and the Indiana Department
17 of Transportation say it can, but our community leaders
18 decided to look into an upgrade and found that the state
19 does not have any plans, so we began to explore methods of
20 doing it ourselves. In a meeting with the Indiana
21 Department of Transportation officials it was found the
22 process could be cut from five years to one if Rising Sun
23 takes the lead. Indiana Department of Transportation's
24 estimate estimate that for approximately three hundred
25 thousand dollars for mile, the road can be brought up to R-

1 3 standards. Our community leaders are committed; whatever
2 it takes to raise this money and get this job done, we will
3 do it. It will be the top priority for us.

4 As a former mayor of Rising Sun, I can fully
5 understand our four county area's needs. We need jobs and
6 economic opportunity. We all need to upgrade our
7 infrastructure. We need to prepare for the future.
8 Luckily, we are blessed with a tremendous group of people
9 who have pulled together as a team to meet those needs. We
10 are getting ready for the future and we hope that the
11 future will include downtown redevelopment, tourism,
12 heightened commercial and recreational opportunities, and
13 yes, ladies and gentlemen, a riverboat development.

14 Based on our initial studies that have been done
15 and based on other studies, analysis and current and future
16 needs and capabilities, this economic development project
17 fills our needs and furthers the goals of the State of
18 Indiana, the southeast portion of the state and the
19 citizens of Rising Sun and Ohio County. And I thank you
20 again for your time and your attention. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

22 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Excuse me. Do you
23 have - - What is the length of this road
24 between Aurora and Rising Sun?

25 FRED ROSS: About approximately nine miles.

1 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: So 56 has a nine
2 mile stretch on this map?

3 FRED ROSS: Well, yes, but now from the county
4 line, from the Ohio County line to Rising Sun is
5 seven miles approximately.

6 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Any other questions? Thank
7 you. Bob White? Good morning.

8 ROBERT WHITE: Good morning. First I'd like to
9 thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today. My
10 name is Robert White. Though this is a hearing for
11 riverboat gaming, I view this as a hearing about the
12 survival of the City of Rising Sun and Ohio County, a topic
13 I care very much about. I come before you today, like many
14 people in a small town, wearing multiple hats.

15 As a longtime resident, I have lived in Ohio
16 County since 1967, and Southeastern Indiana all my life.
17 I care about maintaining the unique character and
18 atmosphere of this community.

19 As a parent, I care about ensuring that this city
20 stays a decent place to live and raise a family and I care
21 about making sure our educational system turns out quality
22 graduates with quality economic opportunities right here in
23 Southeastern Indiana.

24 As a teacher for the past twenty-seven years and
25 after twenty-two years of coaching, I care about the chance

1 to broaden our educational opportunities, so that our
2 students can get more than just the basics. That takes the
3 sort of funding that we simply don't have. When the
4 building needs repairs, when equipment breaks down, it's
5 all we can do to catch up. We can't encourage excellence
6 that way. Also, I care about seeing that our kids have
7 good jobs after graduation. These days our students
8 graduate from high school and never return to Ohio County.

9 As a member of the planning commission and the
10 zoning board of appeals, I care about how this city and
11 county prepare for the future. Rising Sun has always
12 talked about getting new industries and businesses and
13 we've tried, but this project is the most viable
14 opportunity and offers more promise than anything we've
15 considered. I want to make sure that our city has a
16 future. I want to make sure that we are taking the steps
17 we need to make that future a reality.

18 From a business standpoint, we've been slowly
19 disappearing. From the infrastructure standpoint, the
20 city's needs are growing while our means of addressing
21 those needs are shrinking.

22 So early on we began evaluating this project in
23 light of where we, as a city, are right now, where we want
24 to be and whether this was a viable means of maintaining
25 and improving our situation. We approached this as a

1 business decision cautiously, having seen the potential for
2 both good and bad affects on other communities.

3 From the beginning, we formed a redevelopment
4 commission, whose sole purpose was to guide future growth
5 and in the light of the scale of this project, control
6 interactions with the gaming company. In fact, the
7 contract was worked out with the remaining companies
8 specifically includes the redevelopment committee as an
9 active participant, in addition to the city and the port
10 authority. We put together a vision plan to guide our
11 efforts. With professional assistance, we held multiple
12 meetings at our high school gaining input from a wide
13 variety of Rising Sun, Ohio County residents. Thirty to
14 fifty people at any given time prioritized a list of
15 community concerns and developed solid steps to meet those
16 needs. We recognize, for example, that our current part-
17 time government would be inadequate to deal with a huge
18 economic development project and made plans to add full-
19 time positions, including a redevelopment commissioner,
20 building inspector, tourism director and clerk-treasurer.
21 We evaluated our utility situation and our needs, both with
22 and without this project. We examined our community goals
23 for the project and determined that our development must
24 mesh with and compliment our efforts to develop tourism and
25 downtown redevelopment.

1 Our evaluation of this project's suitability
2 included a study of the potential site situated only three
3 blocks from downtown Rising Sun. The proposed site, with
4 a potential of up to four hundred acres, is high out of the
5 floor plain. In fact, it is the highest flat land between
6 Cincinnati and Evansville. Utilities are adjacent to the
7 site. The wetland determination map developed by the Soil
8 Conservation Service does not indicate the presence of any
9 wetland. The Indiana Natural Heritage Data Base shows no
10 endangered, threatened or rare species on the site.

11 From a river safety point of view, the concerns
12 include shifts in the crest of the Ohio during period of
13 flooding, strong currents, floating debris and ice. The
14 first three are associated with spring rains and the latter
15 with winter. These concerns are alleviated by mooring the
16 vessel in a backwater harbor off the river of the depth
17 adequate to handle the rise and fall of the Ohio.

18 Admittedly, I'm no expert in these matters, but
19 from what I know and have learned, if there's a better site
20 location on the Ohio River, I haven't seen it. As a result
21 of our steady approach to evaluating and preparing for this
22 project, our zoning and park board commissions have been
23 reenergized. City and county representatives have been
24 meeting and cooperating on a regular basis for the past six
25 months. We are developing a comprehensive plan that

1 reflects what we have learned about our city, it's needs
2 and capabilities. We know that our work is still cut out
3 for us. As we try to prepare ourselves for this
4 development and it's affect on our city, so we are
5 continuing to hold meetings - - we are continuing to hold
6 meetings on a monthly basis for all concerned citizens in
7 the community and the county. On the first Sunday of the
8 month at the Historical Building any and all people are
9 welcomed to continue the community dialogue. We know that
10 this development opportunity with it's potential for
11 redevelopment in Rising Sun and it's potential for opening
12 up a whole new area of business in this corner of the state
13 fits with where we want to be in the future. What we've
14 learned is that we can pull together as a community, and we
15 have and we will continue to take steps to get ready.

16 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Mr. White, are you - -

17 ROBERT WHITE: We will be prepared. I feel
18 confident that Ohio County and the City of Rising Sun can
19 control this project. As a teacher, I can say we've done
20 our homework. Please make Rising Sun first. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay, thank you. I have a
22 quick question. As I indicated to the people
23 from Switzerland County, it's important that you
24 do have county wide zoning if you get into
25 situation, because when the Genie gets out of the

1 bottle, you can't put it back.

2 MR. WHITE: We have both a county board and a
3 city board.

4 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: And they have
5 jurisdiction county wide?

6 MR. WHITE: Both of them have.

7 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: So you're
8 satisfied that you'll be able to control the
9 development?

10 MR. WHITE: Very much so.

11 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay.

12 MR. WHITE: I think the city will have all that -
13 - and the county in their plans next month for
14 you to see.

15 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay, well - - I'm more
16 worried about the people from our standpoint
17 that's, uh - - Okay. Anybody else have
18 anything? Thank you very much. Dick Hastings?

19 DICK HASTINGS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman - -

20 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Good morning.

21 DICK HASTINGS: - - and members of the Indiana
22 Gaming Commission. Thank you for giving me this
23 opportunity to speak with you today. As you know, Mr.
24 Degnan was scheduled to speak, but due to complications he
25 was unable to be here. My name is Dick Hastings. I'm from

1 Rising Sun, Indiana. I am a member of the Ohio County Port
2 Authority and a lifelong resident of Ohio County. I know
3 the river very well. As a young boy, I had my share of
4 skinny dipping in the river and for a number of years,
5 total it twenty, I commercial fished the Ohio River up and
6 down the banks of Ohio County. Our stretch of river has
7 always been very special, not just to me, but countless
8 people who live in Rising Sun and Ohio County today.

9 When this area first settled back in the 1800's,
10 the river created a growth surge only surpassed by
11 Cincinnati in the midwest. Several riverboats were built
12 in Rising Sun. Tons of grain and produce were shipped out
13 of Rising Sun for the western and southern ports each year.

14 That growth abruptly stopped due to various
15 circumstances, but now Southeastern Indiana has a chance to
16 totally revitalize itself again due to our river, our site
17 and Rising Sun's geographic location. Our river is wide,
18 it's deep. It creates opportunity for a true cruise
19 experience. The river is between eighteen hundred and two
20 thousand feet wide through the area and pretty much a
21 straight north and south shot. With the range of a hundred
22 and fifty feet to five hundred feet, we do not have any
23 boundary problems with Kentucky that you have seen
24 elsewhere along the Ohio River. Our site is the highest
25 location between Cincinnati and Evansville.

1 Geographically, Rising Sun is located ideally to capture a
2 maximum benefit of Southeast Indiana, as well as for the
3 State of Indiana. Unlike other locations, Rising Sun is
4 ideally situated to create a true destination resort
5 complex. Dearborn, Ripley, and Switzerland County, as well
6 as other southeastern counties will benefit because of
7 Rising Sun's location, not in spite of it. Back to the
8 river, all initial studies would indicate that the
9 location, Rising Sun, Indiana, will be the easiest
10 permittable site anywhere along the Ohio River and perhaps
11 any gaming locale in the state. Primary investigations
12 indicate that there are no ecological problems,
13 environmental problems, wetland problems, archaeology
14 problems, cruise problems - - no problems.

15 In conclusion, select Rising Sun first because of
16 it's site advantage, because of it's revenue sharing
17 advantage, offering Switzerland, Dearborn, Ripley and Ohio
18 Counties, and the following cities and towns: Vevay,
19 Patriot, Lawrenceburg, Holton, Osgood, Napoleon, Milan,
20 Sunman, Aurora, Dillsboro, West Harrison, St. Leon, Moores
21 Hill, Greendale and, yes, even Lawrenceburg, if for some
22 reason they can't get a boat. And because of Rising Sun's
23 vision of a true destination resort complex, our community
24 is - - our community, with it's comprehensive planning in
25 all areas, clearly demonstrates Rising Sun is ready, able,

1 capable of handling a project of this magnitude benefitting
2 all citizens and the State of Indiana.

3 I thank you and hope you all have a mighty fine
4 day.

5 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you and same to you.
6 Anyone have anything to ask Mr. Hastings? Mr.
7 Wiesmann?

8 HOWARD WIESMANN: Mr. Chairman and Members of the
9 Gaming Commission, my name is Howard Wiesmann. I'm a co-
10 owner of a business in Ohio County, A & W Milling,
11 Incorporated. I've been here since 1954. I'm also a
12 Director of Vevay Deposit Bank, Vevay, for the past twenty-
13 five years. I've lived in Ohio County for forty-six years.
14 I've been on County Council for twenty-six years and I know
15 firsthand how hard it is to budget and how to balance a
16 budget in a small county like Ohio County.

17 Perception of Rising Sun, I've heard alot of talk
18 about it's too small. Well, it's not too small. We've got
19 one of the best sites for riverboat gaming that there is up
20 and down the Ohio River. So we are - - When this
21 project came up, the first thing we did is there's got to
22 be alot of planning done and we got together with the - -
23 the city got together with the county and we formed a task
24 force to see what needed to be done and from the city's
25 vision plan, we decided some of the things that we had to

1 do, that we couldn't just go into this and not plan and
2 know what we was gonna do with the revenues that would
3 possibly come in from the riverboat gaming.

4 And when this thing came about, the assessed
5 valuation of Ohio County was nineteen to twenty million
6 dollars, with less than a million dollar general fund.
7 That's not much money to work with. Granted, we are
8 growing. It's a little larger now than it was then. But
9 I served on that task force and we looked at the vision
10 plans that the city had created, listened to the concerns
11 which the citizens had expressed in monthly community
12 meetings and looked down the road for what the city and
13 county would need immediately and long term, as well. The
14 needs we identified was many. But one, alot of cities and
15 counties can't work together, but I can tell you that Ohio
16 County and the City of Rising Sun work very well together.
17 So after looking at the vision plan, we decided that we
18 needed to use forty percent of the boarding fees, etcetera,
19 for infrastructure to build and expand and maintain. We
20 also recognized that without riverboat gaming some of these
21 things that we're talking about that we're going to have to
22 do because of it would have to be done anyway and you've
23 got a hard time doing it on the type of budget that Ohio
24 County has been operating on. But forty percent for
25 infrastructure, ten percent for schools, one percent for

1 library, four percent to the city, county positions that
2 would be expanded or added, ten percent to law enforcement,
3 one percent for fire protection and life squad, and twenty-
4 three percent for contingency. I've been around a long
5 time to know that you just don't spend every buck that
6 comes in; you've got to prepare for contingencies. The
7 people that was on this task force was two from the county,
8 two from the city and one from the school. And we worked
9 this formulation out and think that it is one that will
10 work.

11 Also, when you talk about law enforcing, we don't
12 have a jail in Ohio County. Someday we may be forced to
13 have another jail. We had one many years ago and it
14 wouldn't come up to state standards and so we closed it.

15 As you can see, as I told you, I've got close
16 ties to Vevay, because I'm director of the bank and I've
17 got very close ties to Ohio County, because I'm a County
18 Councilman. I know alot of friends and relatives that live
19 in Dearborn County. I'm not here to tell you why you
20 shouldn't give it to Switzerland County or why you
21 shouldn't give it to Dearborn, but I'm here to tell you why
22 Ohio County deserves to get it.

23 I'm not a gambler by nature. When I first heard
24 about the possibility of riverboats, I thought, no way, we
25 don't need that in Ohio County, but after I learned more

1 about it - - learned more about what we are doing to get
2 ready for it and met some people involved, I changed my
3 mind entirely. I'm looking at this for the future and I
4 don't for a minute presume to be able to predict that
5 future, but I can tell you this about the future: we're
6 ready, working to get ready - - we're already working to
7 get ready for this project in Ohio County. Here's what I
8 can tell you about Rising Sun and Ohio County: we care,
9 we're accountable, we're honest, we're hardworking, we're
10 ready for a riverboat project. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Any questions?

12 Okay. We have Tom McKay.

13 TOM MCKAY: Good morning.

14 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Good morning.

15 TOM MCKAY: My name is Tom McKay and first I'd
16 like to thank you for giving me this opportunity to come to
17 you with my comments in support of this issuance. I'm
18 currently the Chief of Police in Rising Sun. I was born a
19 resident of this county, grew up and went to school here.
20 I graduated from the school across the street in 1970,
21 which incidentally was about the time that Sheriff Johnson
22 was scouring this county looking for those contacts he had
23 to have. (Laughter) But I've been a resident of Ohio
24 County now for about ten years. I have a wife and two
25 sons. I was employed by the Rising Sun Police Department

1 in 1987 and have been the Chief of Police since September
2 of '93.

3 In asking for this opportunity today, I wrote the
4 Commission and asked to express my views from a law
5 enforcement perspective. Ohio County is the smallest in
6 the state, both in size and population, with an area of
7 about ninety square miles and a population, according to
8 the last census, of approximately fifty-four hundred
9 people.

10 At present, we have fifteen law enforcement
11 officers living in the county: our sheriff and four
12 deputies; myself and four police officers; two Indiana
13 State Troopers; and three Indiana Conservation Officers.
14 Both the Ohio County Sheriff's Department and the Rising
15 Sun Police Department have recently added an officer due to
16 the help of the crime bill and the money that's been added
17 through that and we're instituting community policing.

18 On per capita basis, we have a law enforcement
19 officer for about every three hundred and sixty persons in
20 our county. From my perspective as the chief of police, I
21 believe that initial influx of traffic related problems
22 that might occur during the construction phase of any
23 proposed project that we would be ready and able to accept
24 this challenge, maybe a little bit better than some of the
25 neighboring communities. Dearborn County has a population

1 of nearly forty thousand people and approximately sixty law
2 enforcement officers for a per capita of about one to six
3 hundred and seventy persons. Switzerland County has a
4 population of about seven thousand persons and I believe
5 ten law enforcement officers for about a one to seven
6 hundred ratio. With the proposed project site for this
7 county being up the river and outside the town of Vevay,
8 this would limit the effective assistance abilities of the
9 Vevay Police Department.

10 Since January, I've been participating in joint
11 meetings held each month of a group of city and county
12 leaders and at these meetings we have talked at length
13 about issues which will have an impact upon each of our
14 respective departments, organizations and daily lives of
15 our citizens in an attempt to be more prepared to meet the
16 challenges of the gaming project here.

17 As part of this project, myself and Chief Deputy
18 Rodney Rimstidt of the Ohio County Sheriff's Department
19 drove to Metropolis, Illinois, to see for ourselves what
20 changes we might expect - - and Metropolis is a small
21 town, somewhat like Rising Sun, a little larger, but with
22 many of the same characteristics. While we were there, we
23 spoke with the Police Chief, the Sheriff of the county, the
24 Chief of Security for the gaming company, and spent several
25 hours riding with Metropolis police officers on routine

1 patrol. During this time on patrol, the only call we got
2 was a loud music call in an apartment complex. We were
3 assured by these enforcement officials that while they had
4 seen some increase in traffic related problems, criminal
5 activity had shown no marked increase. We saw no long
6 lines of traffic, no traffic jams, and, in general, a small
7 town peaceful atmosphere there.

8 A recent inhouse study of our Rising Sun Police
9 Department shows that we have a considerable amount of
10 routine patrol time, which we could use to commit to
11 solving any increase in traffic or criminal problems that
12 might occur. The criminal problems in the outlying areas
13 of the county being relatively low, and with nearly half
14 the population of the county living within the city of
15 Rising Sun, where the project would be located, we will be
16 better able to commit increased manpower to the project
17 area if the need arises.

18 Rising Sun, Ohio County, has other public safety
19 agencies, namely fire, EMS and civil defense, which each
20 have many well trained, dedicated volunteers that give of
21 themselves on a daily basis in order to make Ohio County
22 and the City of Rising Sun a better place to live and to
23 raise their families.

24 Our proposed site, undoubtedly the most beautiful
25 in the tri-county area, lends itself to the future

1 development of other types of economic growth once a gaming
2 project forms the cornerstone that we can build on.

3 Within the last two years, the Rising Sun Police
4 Department and the Ohio County Sheriff's Department have
5 taken steps to work together towards being prepared for the
6 future. One of these steps was putting both of our
7 departments into the same building where we'll work closer
8 together, so that we can meet the needs of the public. And
9 we have trained three men in child abuse investigations to
10 deal with domestic problems and we also have added a dual
11 purpose K-9 for drug interdiction work. I'm confident, as
12 well as is Sheriff Fancher, that we are prepared to meet
13 whatever challenges we may face as a result of the gaming
14 project in our county.

15 I truly believe that Ohio County and the City of
16 Rising Sun have shown exemplary effort in pulling together
17 to plan for the future and I ask you, the Indiana Gaming
18 Commission, to reward our dedication by issuing a gaming
19 license to Ohio County. Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you, Chief. What's the
21 population of Ohio County?

22 MR. MCKAY: About fifty-four hundred, according
23 to the last census.

24 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay.

25 QUESTION BY DON VOWELS: I have a question,

1 Chief. If, in fact, Ohio County doesn't receive
2 a license and the other two counties on the other
3 side of you do, is there any anticipated source
4 of revenue to increase the manpower within your
5 department to handle any additional problems,
6 even though this wouldn't be a riverboat county?

7 MR. MCKAY: Not that I'm aware of at this time.
8 If there is, I haven't been made aware of it.

9 QUESTION BY DON VOWELS: But you would anticipate
10 additional manpower being necessary if the other
11 two counties received a riverboat license?

12 MR. MCKAY: I believe it would be, yes.

13 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Could I follow up on
14 that?

15 DON VOWELS: Yeah, go ahead.

16 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: If there was a riverboat
17 on each side of Ohio County, what would you
18 anticipate the impact on traffic in Ohio County
19 to be?

20 MR. MCKAY: I think we'd have a traffic increase.
21 I think we might also have an increase in our
22 population, due to the fact that our cost of
23 living may be a little lower and, uh, I think
24 that that might show some increase in some
25 domestic related problems, due to the fact that

1 you have those problems where people live, as
2 opposed to where they work. And basically, I
3 think we would see an increase in most areas over
4 a period of time.

5 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Has anybody done
6 any studies that would indicate what the
7 anticipated traffic increase for Ohio County
8 would be if they didn't receive a riverboat
9 license, but the counties on either side did?

10 MR. MCKAY: I'm not sure if there are studies,
11 specifically, on that. I don't have that
12 information.

13 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay. Anything further?
14 Thank you, Chief. Donna Bailey?

15 DONNA BAILEY: Dear Members of the Gaming
16 Commission, I am not an employee of a public relations
17 firm, not have I had the training to speak publicly, but I
18 feel compelled to speak to you today on behalf of hundreds
19 of mothers and children of Ohio County. I earnestly beg
20 you not to give Rising Sun a gambling license, for in doing
21 so you will leave a devastation greatly felt by our
22 children.

23 We are the smallest county in Indiana, but we are
24 richer than most, for our children have the freedom to walk
25 four blocks to the local library with the security of

1 getting their safely. They can walk to the riverfront park
2 and skip stones in the Ohio River without the fear of being
3 abducted. Many of our school children, even first graders,
4 walk to school unescorted with the security that they'll
5 reach their destination without being harmed. Why?
6 Because we know just about everyone there. I tell you, the
7 freedom that our children have, the bigger cities can only
8 wish for. It cannot be replaced by what proceeds the
9 gambling company will generate.

10 The gambling company says that they will give our
11 poor school money to support education. I tell you now,
12 our children are already receiving the best of education.
13 Indianapolis schools, in 1993 and '94 year, grades nine
14 through twelve, had a dropout rate of forty-three percent.
15 Rising Sun, during that year, only had a four percent
16 dropout rate, with fifty-seven percent of our seniors
17 seeking a post-high school education. Why is our dropout
18 rate low and our average of students seeking a higher
19 education? Because they had a chance to grow up and study
20 in a small school where the teachers are excellent and care
21 about them. What does our school lack? We have an
22 excellent sports program of basketball, track, baseball,
23 golf and we're adding soccer this fall. We have an
24 excellent band and music program, ranking right with the
25 bigger schools in Indiana. Our children are able to take

1 many educational field trips during the year. Our seniors
2 go on a senior trip, plus they have a prom. Alot of which
3 bigger cities have a problem doing.

4 The gambling company says it will bring jobs for
5 our children. Do we really want to teach our children to
6 prey upon the poor? The gambling people would like for us
7 to believe that only the rich gamble, but statistics show
8 that it is those people who can't fulfil the needs of their
9 family that seek the get quick rich scheme. Gambling only
10 deprives their families. The jobs that will be available
11 will be only service jobs. Those jobs are already easy to
12 obtain. I would like to encourage our children to reach a
13 higher level of employment, one that produces a product,
14 not one that takes from the poor and distributes it to the
15 more wealthy.

16 They say they will give more money for our roads,
17 sewage and law enforcement. All of this will be used to
18 combat the problems the gambling boat will bring. We don't
19 need their added problems. Our children don't need to
20 inherit a quick fix for our needed state and local funding.

21 I am troublesome reminded of a song that was
22 popular in the seventies, it went like this: Mothers, tell
23 your children not to do what I have done, spend their lives
24 in ruin and misery in the House of the Rising Sun. Isn't
25 it ironic that that song was about a gambling house and you

1 are to decide whether Rising Sun can have a gambling
2 license.

3 Please, I beg you today, don't let our children
4 inherit a pair of dice.

5 I see that I have a few more seconds left and I
6 would like - - the question was brought up about our
7 county zoning and city zoning, how strong it was. Even
8 though I feel like our county - - they are doing the best
9 they can, they allowed an illegal billboard to stay up over
10 a year. That shows that we are not prepared county zoning
11 or city zoning wide. I just feel like we can't even
12 anticipate the problems that we'll have. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay. Thank you. Any
14 questions? Thank you very much. Okay. Mr.
15 Finley?

16 WILLIAM J. FINLEY: I'd like to thank the Gaming
17 Commission and fellow citizens of Indiana and Ohio County
18 for the opportunity to share some concerns and facts about
19 legalized gambling.

20 In preparation for the possibility of riverboat
21 gambling in Ohio County, Sheriff Eldon Fancher shared with
22 the Ohio County FOCUS group several weeks ago that Ohio
23 County would add one deputy and there would be overlapping
24 shifts during peak times. Sheriff Fancher said that only
25 a few more DUI cases are anticipated. In addition, it has

1 been reported that Rising Sun will add one officer to it's
2 police force. It is also a fact that Ohio County has no
3 jail and prisoners are transported to neighboring counties,
4 sometimes as far away as Scottsburg.

5 Here are some documented statistics on crime rate
6 increases associated with legalized gambling. The January,
7 1995, issue of the American Family Association Journal
8 reports that in Hancock County, Mississippi, the crime rate
9 increased dramatically since gambling opened in 1992.
10 Hancock County has a population of thirty-four thousand,
11 roughly the size of Dearborn County, but it offers a valid
12 comparison of what might be in Ohio County. From the last
13 half of '93 to the first half of '94, crime increased as
14 follows in Hancock County, Mississippi. Stolen vehicles
15 went from thirteen to thirty-six, for a hundred and eighty-
16 eight percent increase. Assaults went from twenty to
17 fifty-seven, for a hundred and eighty-five percent
18 increase. Burglaries went from sixty-nine to one hundred
19 and thirty-seven, for a one hundred percent increase.
20 Thefts went from seventy-nine to two hundred and fifty-two,
21 for a two hundred and eighteen percent increase. Vandalism
22 went from forty to one sixteen, for a one hundred and
23 ninety percent increase. Child molestation went from three
24 to thirteen, for a three hundred fifty-three percent
25 increase. And last, suicide went from one to ten, for a

1 nine hundred percent increase.

2 Larger metropolitan areas in the United States
3 show similar crime rate increases. The May 23rd, 1994,
4 issue of the Christian Science Monitor reports that in
5 Atlantic City where planners and politicians thought that
6 there would be an economic renaissance with the
7 introduction of legalized gambling that the crime rate
8 tripled. The per capita crime rate went from fiftieth in
9 the nation before gambling to first after gambling.

10 Even the gambling mecca of Las Vegas has it's
11 problems. From 1960 to 1984, for those twenty-four years,
12 Las Vegas consistently ranked between first and fourth in
13 per capita crime rate.

14 Speaking generally, crime rates have increased
15 significantly in virtually every place where legalized
16 gambling, large or small, has been introduced.

17 Is Ohio County properly prepared adding one
18 deputy and one Rising Sun city police officer? I think
19 not. Could Ohio Countians be left partially or totally
20 unprotected while multiple prisoner transports take place?
21 I think it's a very realistic possibility. Even if Ohio
22 County crime rate defies statistics and there are only the
23 few DUI incidents that Sheriff Fancher anticipates, Route
24 56, our main transportation link to Dearborn County and
25 Cincinnati, which is already overcrowded, will become more

1 crowded with gambling traffic and the new DUIs. How long
2 will it be before a drunk driver takes the life of an Ohio
3 Countian? How many lives will be taken?

4 In addition to crime increase, there are other
5 problems - - sociological problems associated with
6 legalized gambling. One is compulsive gambling. Riverboat
7 officials themselves admit that where gambling is
8 introduced, four percent of the population will develop a
9 compulsive gambling problem. This amounts to two hundred
10 and sixteen Ohio Countians. The American Insurance
11 Institute estimates that forty percent of all white collar
12 crime is committed by those with serious gambling problems.
13 The Christian Science Monitor reports that the median debt
14 of the compulsive gambler ranged from fifty-three thousand
15 to ninety-three thousand dollars, and this excludes auto
16 loans and mortgages and other legitimate debt and doesn't
17 include gambling debt that's already paid off. In New
18 Jersey alone, compulsive gamblers are accumulating more
19 than five hundred million dollars of debt - - in debt
20 yearly. Other studies show that compulsive gamblers have
21 a suicide rate of five to ten times of other Americans.
22 This is evidenced by the nine hundred percent increase in
23 Hancock County, Mississippi.

24 Who will pay for all of this? Will children go
25 hungry while some of the two hundred and sixteen rob piggy

1 banks and squander paychecks trying to strike it rich?
2 Ohio County children might pay dearly. Even if the
3 anticipated economic benefits materialize, if only one
4 child goes hungry or if only one person dies on our roads
5 as a result of a gambler driving drunk, it's all not worth
6 it.

7 I encourage the Gaming Commission to carefully
8 consider this information when deciding if Ohio County will
9 be awarded a license. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you.

11 QUESTION BY DON VOWELS: The statistics that you
12 had were from what period of time to what period
13 of time?

14 MR. FINLEY: Which statistic?

15 QUESTION BY DON VOWELS: Hancock County.

16 MR. FINLEY: Hancock County was fromt he fall of
17 1993, the last half of '93, through the first
18 half of '94 and gambling was instituted and
19 opened in 1992, in the fall of '92.

20 QUESTION BY DON VOWELS: So the increase was
21 between '93 - - the fall of '93 and '94?

22 MR. FINLEY: No, sir. The increase was the last
23 half of '93 to the first half of '94.

24 QUESTION BY DON VOWELS: Do you have statistics
25 for prior to when the gaming began?

1 MR. FINLEY: No, I don't have those. Those
2 weren't available.

3 QUESTION BY DON VOWELS: And where were those
4 statistics - - what was the source of those
5 statistics?

6 MR. FINLEY: It was the American Family
7 Association Journal. They're from Tupelo,
8 Mississippi.

9 DON VOWELS: Alright, that's all. Thanks.

10 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Anything else? Thank you.
11 Matthew L. McKinley?

12 MATTHEW MCKINLEY: Good afternoon - - or good
13 morning. I am Matthew McKinley. I'm sixteen. I'm from
14 Rising Sun and I live at 703 Main Street and I was asked by
15 the FOCUS group to come and speak from a viewpoint of a
16 teenager.

17 Being a teen, I look at Ohio County, a very poor
18 county, with a population of around five thousand, and
19 looked at my files at the Christian Outreach Free Store and
20 see some two hundred plus needing food, clothes, furniture,
21 etcetera, and I looked at the compulsive gambling
22 statistics. Ninety-six percent of an estimated ten million
23 compulsive gamblers started before reaching the legal
24 betting age. Who suffers over the years? Their families.
25 First of all, I think of compulsive gambling as

1 a sickness, gambling being the drug that causes the
2 sickness. In the past year in Atlantic City, more teens
3 that were not even legally allowed to gamble were affected
4 by this drug than the entire adult population there in
5 1974. That scares me very much. I mean, look at these
6 statistics and think, all these teens are gambling their
7 money away, and then think, they are this county's future
8 and how worse it will become if gambling boats are placed
9 in Ohio County. As for adults, well, unless you're really
10 lucky, you usually don't gain much more than you throw
11 away. I also feel that many more families will be affected
12 greatly by this.

13 When the vote was made in Ohio County, a very
14 close friend came up to me crying and when I asked what was
15 wrong she told me that her parents had gotten in a huge
16 argument over gambling, whether it was right or wrong. She
17 told me that after the fight, they split up and they were
18 probably going to get a divorce and at this time they are
19 separated. Another friend said that their family get-
20 together ended with a huge fight and several walked out.
21 So gambling only adds to the problem of breaking up homes.
22 Do you want to break up families and, most of all, do you
23 think God wants you to break up families? There's a verse
24 in the Bible that says: If you know the good you ought to
25 do and don't do it, it's a sin. If you know you shouldn't

1 do something and do it, it's also a sin. What would God
2 do in this situation?

3 Finally, last summer I went to a Christian
4 convention and I decided to give my life to the vocational
5 ministry and about three months ago I decided what better
6 time to start and helped start a Bible study. We met two
7 times a week. After we got - - We met every day for a
8 couple weeks and then we started meeting two times a week
9 and we had about twenty with us and that was great
10 considering coming to a school where God isn't supported to
11 it's potential. But as our Bible study looks at the issue
12 of riverboat gambling, we feel even though in the world the
13 majority may rule, in God's eyes it may not be the right
14 thing to do and who comes first, God or the majority? I
15 hope this temptation doesn't come for me and my friends'
16 sake. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. I guess we have
18 come to the end of our agenda. I want to thank
19 those people who came from Ohio County. As I
20 said about the people from Switzerland County,
21 it's been most informative and we're happy that
22 we were able to receive the information this
23 morning. So thank you all for coming. I
24 appreciate it very much. And we will now adjourn
25 until one o'clock, at which time we will start

1 the agenda for the Dearborn County group. Thank
2 you all.

3 (Lunch break)

4 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: We'll come back to order and
5 proceed with our agenda. Before we start in,
6 however, Mr. Thar, Executive Director, has the
7 late word from Indianapolis and from the
8 Legislature. Jack?

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THAR: Thank you. I need to
10 correct the records for my error this morning.
11 I'd indicated that Senate Bill 572, which is on
12 the Governor's desk, followed them by House Bill
13 1722, were the same on the cruising issue. The
14 last report I have is that they are in conflict
15 on the cruising issue, but I've been unable to
16 confirm that, so at this point in time, I'd
17 simply like the record to reflect that both bills
18 are on the Governor's desk, exactly what's in
19 1722, we're not sure right now. Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: As I said before, the
21 Legislature in their wisdom . . . (laughter) We
22 are now going to take up from the presentations
23 from those persons who contacted us concerning
24 Dearborn County and I'd like to turn the gavel -
25 - and I don't physically have one - - over to

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1 the Vice-Chairman, Ann Bochnowski, and she'll
2 conduct the hearings.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay, thank you.
4 Okay. We'll just get started right away. Our
5 first person is Larry - - and I don't know how
6 to say the last name - - Tiettmeyer? - -
7 Tiettmeyer.

8 LARRY TIETTMEYER: Good afternoon. I'm Larry
9 Tiettmeyer. I'm Executive Director of the Dearborn County
10 Chamber of Commerce in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. I also live
11 in Lawrenceburg, 1368 Brabamhurst Drive in Hidden Valley
12 Lake, Lawrenceburg.

13 The Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce is
14 pleased that the Gaming Commission has given us the
15 opportunity to express our views on the impact riverboat
16 gaming will have on Dearborn County. We strongly feel that
17 at least one license should be awarded to Dearborn County.
18 Dearborn County's location and it's accessibility to the
19 interstate highway system makes it one of the most
20 appealing markets in the state. 1.9 million people live
21 within a thirty minute drive and over ten million people
22 live within a two hour drive. Major cities within this two
23 hour drive includes the cities of Cincinnati, Columbus and
24 Dayton, Ohio, Covington, Lexington and Louisville,
25 Kentucky, as well as the metropolitan Indianapolis area.

1 Riverboat gaming is the greatest economical
2 development opportunity the county's ever had. The two
3 thousand or so jobs, most of which will be filled by local
4 people, will have a major impact on our available workforce
5 by providing needed jobs with good employment benefits.
6 This multi-million dollar payroll when spent and respent in
7 the county will have a total economic impact of many
8 millions of dollars.

9 Tourism is and has been a viable part of our
10 overall economic development strategy for the county.
11 Riverboat gaming will be a major tourism attraction that
12 will anchor the growth of our tourism business. It will
13 bring millions of visitors to the county, providing our
14 existing merchants with an unprecedented (indiscernible)
15 source, customers.

16 Dearborn County is the second fastest growing
17 county in the State of Indiana. That growth has created
18 many challenges for our area. These challenges exist
19 today. It is our hope that the Indiana Gaming Commission
20 will choose a plan for riverboat gaming that takes into
21 consideration both our existing challenges and the
22 challenges that we will face in the future.

23 The Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce has
24 identified several key points that we hope will be
25 uppermost in your minds when you decide on a riverboat

1 gaming plan for Dearborn County, points that will help us
2 manage the change that concerns us and points that will
3 minimize the challenges and maximize the opportunities for
4 us in this exciting venture. These points are:

5 Number one, adopt a proposal that encourages and
6 enhances the opportunity for further nongaming economic
7 development in Dearborn County.

8 Number two, adopt a proposal that adequately
9 addresses the concerns uppermost in the minds of our local
10 citizens, traffic, roads, sewers and improvements that will
11 remain viable regardless of happenings five or ten years
12 from now.

13 Number three, adopt a proposal from a strong
14 county capable of completing it's projects and willing to
15 become a business partner in the community.

16 Number four, adopt a project that is compatible
17 with our community and one that will remain viable in the
18 event the popularity of gaming diminishes in the future.

19 Finally, it is our hope that the effective
20 governmental entities of Dearborn County will develop an
21 equitable revenue sharing formula and will consider this
22 significant increase in revenue as temporary and resist
23 coming dependent on it for normal operation of our
24 government services.

25 The Chamber welcomes the opportunity to work with

1 the gaming company or companies selected, the cities
2 involved, the county, and others to capitalize on our
3 economic opportunities and to properly plan for the growth
4 that is anticipated. I want to personally thank the
5 Gaming Commission for this opportunity to share our
6 feelings with you and if the Chamber can be of any
7 assistance in Dearborn County, please feel free to contact
8 us, so thank you.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you. Anybody
10 have questions? Okay. Thank you very much. Our
11 next speaker is W. W. Mountsier - - I'm gonna
12 have a hard time, I'm sure.

13 BILL MOUNTSIER: They get easier as you go along.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Well, just try my
15 name. Nobody can get mine, either.

16 BILL MOUNTSIER: I am Bill Mountsier. I live at
17 1414 Golfview Court in Hidden Valley Lake Subdivision
18 outside of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. I served as the
19 Executive Director for the Dearborn County Chamber of
20 Commerce from 1988 through July of 1994 and, as such, I was
21 deeply involved in helping the Chamber establish a position
22 on riverboat gaming, on lobbying for the state legislation,
23 for working on the passage of the local referendum, and, in
24 general, trying to stay abreast of the gaming issues as
25 they occurred. I believe that gaming is a wonderful

1 opportunity for Dearborn County, providing jobs, capital
2 improvement and the tax revenues to establish a basis for
3 long-term economic growth in the county. However, to be
4 the greatest advantage it needs to be managed effectively.
5 A number of the points that I'll make are some that, uh,
6 Larry made just before me, but maybe I'll expand on them a
7 little bit.

8 I would like to bring to your attention several
9 issues of importance that I trust you'll take into account
10 deciding a license for Dearborn County. I've been
11 impressed with the level headedness that you, your
12 Commission, has been exercising in your past debates and
13 I'm looking forward to you making a good judgment for
14 Dearborn County, also.

15 First and foremost, and I'm sure you understand,
16 we need you to choose a very reputable, strong, well
17 capitalized company that has the resources to carry out the
18 project that they need. Our chamber decided long ago we
19 would not endorse any company, because we simply don't have
20 the ability to look into that aspect and we think that's
21 what you should be doing and we trust you will be.

22 You'll hear over and over again traffic is a
23 major concern, primarily on U.S. 50. U.S. 50 is affected
24 not only by a boat in Dearborn County, but also by possible
25 boats in Ohio and Switzerland County, as that's the main

1 route from Cincinnati into this general area. Traffic
2 engineers advise us that the road has the capacity; it runs
3 at about between twenty-five and thirty thousand vehicles
4 per day presently. It's a four lane highway. It should be
5 able to handle that. The problem is that there are
6 bottlenecks, the access and egress from the highway, left
7 turns, traffic control devices and so forth. They're just
8 very difficult. There was another bad rearender accident
9 on the highway just last night. So the selected proposal,
10 really, you have to make the gaming company demonstrate and
11 prove to you factually that they do understand the program
12 - - the problem and they do have a proposal that is going
13 to not create gridlock, which would not be any use to you
14 or to us or to the state or anybody. I would recommend
15 that you take a careful look at those proposals that
16 recommend the use of the existing rail system as a means of
17 transporting people to and from Cincinnati and Indianapolis
18 and within the area. Use of rail is consistent with the
19 regional plan that is being promoted in the greater
20 Cincinnati area to try and create a north/south and
21 east/west rail connection links to better handle the whole
22 regional traffic problems.

23 The project - - when we went to the referendum,
24 as you're well aware, we thought we'd get about six
25 thousand voters, we got twelve thousand voters. We thought

1 we had about a sixty/forty position and we won by a couple
2 of hundred votes, and as the Chamber looked at that
3 afterwards, we thought that what really people were saying
4 to us is, we really don't want you to mess up our nice
5 little town. And the towns along the Ohio River are
6 historically significant and are valuable from that
7 standpoint, Lawrenceburg and Aurora, on down the river.
8 And so the project needs to be compatible with the
9 community. It can't dwarf the community, it can't destroy
10 the community. We have to maintain that fabric. You'll
11 hear some others talk about the historic significance of
12 the community. We would hope that you would take that into
13 consideration as you make your consideration.

14 The land based facilities need to be constructed
15 with an eye to the future. We feel certain that riverboat
16 gaming very likely will be a short lived phenomenon as more
17 competition develops from Ohio and Kentucky and elsewhere.
18 Therefore, the land based facilities have to have a
19 marketability of their own. They need to have location,
20 visibility, a way of drawing people to that facility so
21 that if the gaming leaves we're not just left with a white
22 elephant sitting out there that we can't do anything with.
23 We want the project to contribute to long term economic
24 development.

25 And finally, I would hope that you would not

1 underestimate the problems of the wetlands and the flood
2 plain. They are also valuable resources and they're
3 strongly supported and if we run roughshod over them, we're
4 in for a long, long legal hassle to get that straightened
5 out. Thank you very much.

6 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.
7 Does - - Okay. Again, just for future
8 speakers, kind of keep your eye over there as you
9 look and, uh, the yellow means one minute's left
10 and then the red is . . . Thank you very much.

11 I have a question. You mentioned the rail.

12 MR. MOUNTSIER: Yes.

13 QUESTION BY VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Does the
14 rail - - Is there existing - -

15 MR. MOUNTSIER: There are two - - There are two
16 rail lines that come out of Cincinnati, Central
17 Railroad of Indianapolis - - of Indiana owns the
18 one; it was the old Conrail which comes out of
19 Cincinnati and heads up in a northwesterly - -
20 goes up through Batesville and Shelbyville and
21 Greensburg up to Indianapolis and that has a link
22 right into downtown Cincinnati. And then CSX has
23 it's major east/west line running from Cincinnati
24 to St. Louis that comes through. And both of
25 them go through the bottoms area of Cincinnati,

1 down by the stadium on Third Street and they - -
2 OKI - - Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana - -
3 Regional Council on Governments is proposing a
4 north/south light rail that would go from the
5 airport all the way up to Kings Island, north of
6 Cincinnati, and they would intersect in that area
7 below Third Street and they have terminals there.

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you. Any other
9 - - Yes?

10 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Mr. Mountsier, you
11 have raised quite a few very serious issues. I
12 was unable to tell from the overall way you
13 presented this as to whether you're in favor or
14 not in favor of a boat in Lawrenceburg?

15 MR. MOUNTSIER: I'm very much in favor of it,
16 yes. I think it's a - - it's a wonderful
17 opportunity for the community.

18 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Taking into account
19 the - -

20 MR. MOUNTSIER: You have to manage those
21 situations.

22 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: One other question
23 with regard to the traffic that you raised,
24 that's been brought to our attention by other
25 people speaking today, as well as our own

1 (indiscernible) legislation, should one boat per
2 county pass there will be a boat most likely
3 somewhere west of downtown Lawrenceburg.

4 MR. MOUNTSIER: Yes.

5 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: The adverse impact
6 of traffic on the - - going through the City of
7 Lawrenceburg to the west side of Lawrenceburg
8 with that occurrence, would that be right?

9 MR. MOUNTSIER: Well, it sort of depends. The
10 most convenient way to get from Cincinnati to - -
11 on down river is to come through Lawrenceburg.

12 It is possible to take I-71 in Kentucky and come
13 up through Carrollton into the Vevay and into
14 this area. Ohio County is sort of midway between
15 and probably if it was Ohio County it would
16 largely come through Dearborn County and
17 Lawrenceburg.

18 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Has anyone done a
19 study as to that impact?

20 MR. MOUNTSIER: Well, a number of the gaming
21 companies have done studies on the traffic impact
22 trying to anticipate what's coming.

23 MR. SUNDWICK: Thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.
25 And then next we have Chip Perfect.

1 CHIP PERFECT: I grew up in Dearborn County and
2 I live and I work here and I want to thank the Gaming
3 Commission for this opportunity to present my perspective
4 on the gaming business and how it could and should affect
5 our community.

6 In fairness, I must mention that I've consulted
7 for and I have a vested interest in one of the gaming
8 companies, but I've not come here today to discuss the
9 differences between different companies, rather to present
10 some general concepts that I think are very important to my
11 home and, I think, from a unique perspective.

12 My family and I built on our family farm Perfect
13 North Slopes Ski Area, which we've operated for fifteen
14 years and which, by the way, when you finish your work here
15 will be knocked into second place as the largest tourist
16 attraction in the area.

17 I got involved with this riverboat issue a couple
18 years ago as a Director of the Chamber of Commerce. That,
19 along with a firsthand understanding of the potential from
20 the Greater Cincinnati area market, made me realize that
21 the impact of this legislation on Dearborn County was
22 inevitable, so I got more involved and I formed Citizens
23 for Economic Development, a political action committee that
24 along with the Chamber, local government, gaming companies,
25 helped pass the local referendum.

1 I firmly believe that the narrow margin by which
2 this issue passed was created by those voters who realize
3 that as the gateway to Southeastern Indiana Dearborn County
4 indeed would feel the affects of gaming in one way or
5 another and it would be better to have the revenue to
6 smoothe over the impact and smoothing over that impact is
7 the focal point of my presentation.

8 With the work that I do in tourism, I've had alot
9 of opportunity to visit alot of resort communities and also
10 communities with resorts and there's a big difference. In
11 resort communities, tourism dominates every aspect of the
12 citizens' lives. Where you go, the route you take, what
13 you do is determined by the ebb and flow of the tourists in
14 the community. And I think every one of you can think of
15 a place just like that. A community with a resort, I
16 think, is something very different. It keeps it's
17 identity, it keeps it's way of life, but it has the luxury
18 of the new dollars that are brought into the community to
19 be spread around by it's employees and the suppliers of the
20 attraction. I'm convinced that the citizens of Dearborn
21 County want the second and are very fearful of the first.

22 Now, you have the unenviable task of selecting
23 locations and licensees for Southeastern Indiana and I'd
24 like to take the liberty to suggest some general criteria
25 for you to consider in selecting a company that will allow

1 us to be a community with a resort. How we're affected
2 will vary greatly from location to location and you've
3 already heard and you'll hear more on that subject. It's
4 an obvious concern. It's also obvious that there are big
5 differences in potential operators. Some are huge with
6 billion dollar revenues and others are smaller.

7 What's not so obvious is how potential operators
8 have already differentiated themselves with respect to
9 working in our community. Some have had proactive
10 involvement; others have been waiting in the wings. Some
11 of these operators can and will fit into our community and
12 others will have a difficult time relating their size and
13 scope to our small town. Whoever gets this license must
14 be able to relate to us as citizens and to keep this
15 attraction in perspective, we can't be dominated or
16 overwhelmed by a gaming company.

17 Along these lines, please consider where this
18 facility might fit into a company's prioritized list of
19 their various operations. Experience is very important and
20 this gaming is indeed a complicated tourism business. But
21 we don't want our casino to just be somewhere down the list
22 on a long list of corporate operations. We will feel the
23 affect of being farther down on that list and so will the
24 customer, which brings me to a topic that I don't believe
25 anybody else is going to address today and that's the

1 customer.

2 Everybody seems to have the attitude that if you
3 build it, they will come and that is definitely going to be
4 true in the early stages, but for the long haul the
5 operator's style has to fit in with the midwestern
6 customer. The flash and glitz that won't fit into our
7 community won't keep customers coming for long, either.
8 The quality of operation of the facility are going to be
9 critical for the long term success of this operation.

10 As I said, people will be expressing their
11 concerns about traffic today and if a location creates
12 traffic problems we, as citizens, will just have to deal
13 with it; we're stuck, but the customers just won't come
14 back. A few years from now the customers attitudes will
15 affect this business just like any other.

16 To be a community with a resort, we, as
17 residents, must recognize this casino as another business.
18 Our citizens need to meet it's needs as employees. Our
19 businesses must work to attract their share directly or
20 indirectly and we must work together to maintain our
21 identity.

22 My hope is that some of these thoughts will be
23 helpful to you in your selection process. Ultimately, I
24 believe the State, Dearborn County and the gaming customers
25 will be best served by the decision that you make that

1 allows us to maintain our status as a community with a
2 resort. Thanks.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you. Okay.
4 Kris Krider?

5 KRIS KRIDER: Good afternoon, everyone. Good
6 afternoon, Gaming Commission. My name is Kris Krider. I
7 live at 229 Walnut Street in the heart of Lawrenceburg.
8 I'm a native of Lawrenceburg. I've watched the town as
9 I've grown up in the thirty-three years I've been alive go
10 from a very busy small town in the sixties where I would go
11 down in my father's shop and see people shopping and
12 walking along the street to a town that in the seventies
13 lost alot of jobs, industry moved out, a town in the
14 eighties that has kind of become - - has kind of become -
15 - had established an inferiority complex, while the malls
16 grew in the Greater Cincinnati area, the businesses left
17 downtown Lawrenceburg and they moved out onto the strip,
18 into the nineties where a new promise awaits the city as it
19 reaches it's bicentennial year in the year 2002. It's kind
20 of difficult to condense two years of work in five minutes,
21 but here's my best shot.

22 What I've drafted and brought with me is a
23 chapter from the Bicentennial Master Plan, which has been
24 drafted through the generous support of the National
25 Endowment for the Arts and the City of Lawrenceburg. It is

1 a draft. It is awaiting approval. And there's another
2 supplement which is from the Lawrenceburg Enhancement
3 Preservation Plan, which is a paper written by Scott Merusi
4 and myself concerning the economic impact of riverboat
5 gaming on High Street. I just want to hit a few
6 highlights.

7 First with the LEAPP proposal, the economic
8 impact. The second point in the executive summary, we
9 looked at High Street and Eads Parkway specifically.
10 According to one report, from 1984 to 1994 thirty-two of
11 the downtown historic buildings have been demolished. One
12 of the important efforts in this revitalization effort that
13 myself and many others have taken is we want to preserve
14 what we like about Lawrenceburg and change what needs to be
15 changed, but it's very important to protect the older
16 buildings and others will address that. A number of
17 people have moved into the area. There's been a general
18 out migration of profitable businesses and, in return,
19 there's come alot more service oriented businesses.

20 According to our study that there will be a
21 primary economic impact on the real estate near the
22 development and really only adjacent to the development.
23 There may be some nearby, but we expect that the values
24 will return to their normal levels. There will be a
25 problem with displacement of low income folks if it is - -

1 if it is in the downtown area. There's no question. And
2 I recommend that the Gaming Commission review those
3 proposals which do in fact accomodate housing
4 opportunities, not only for the existing residents, but
5 also for residents who - - future residents who may be
6 employed. I think the goal of having twenty-five percent
7 of the employees at the casino should be local residents
8 and should be living in town. That is what will bring
9 business back to downtown Lawrenceburg, people living
10 there. We don't want to displace everyone.

11 If INDOT does decide to widen Eads Parkway, we
12 feel that only five viable businesses will survive between
13 the levees, and those are the Drug Basket, Napa, Kentucky
14 Fried Chicken, Whisky's, Progressive Federal Savings and
15 Loan. The others, I think they need to be relocated and
16 the strategy the city must take must involve relocation.
17 Those businesses are suffering now from the undue amounts
18 of traffic and, in fact, I think it would be a good thing
19 if there was some relocation. The times have changed. You
20 need alot more land to operate a business.

21 And some of the regional impact, the last page.
22 The gaming industry differs from other traditional tourism
23 industries as the revenues created by this industry have
24 higher costs than most other forms of tourism. We must
25 look at what the costs are going to be to the city and how

1 the gaming companies propose to help us with that.

2 We found that gaming does not create jobs. It
3 shifts jobs from one industry to another. We feel that the
4 majority of the jobs will go to Greater Cincinnati
5 residents, not exclusive to Dearborn County residents.

6 And if other gaming licenses are issued to other
7 riverboat towns in the area, this could cause a possible
8 downturn of gaming revenue for Lawrenceburg.

9 The one final thing I wanted to point out was in
10 the Bicentennial Master Plan. I hope you enjoy reading it,
11 but I did address the issue of gaming and that the real
12 heart of the matter is - - this is my opinion, this is my
13 professional opinion - - that the city has only one choice
14 for a site and that's on the sawmill site. Now, I
15 personally don't care which company gets it, but that site
16 deals with all of the issues brought forth by the
17 environmentalists, the downtown residents, city officials,
18 traffic engineers and the historic group. On that site we
19 have an opportunity to work without destroying the
20 environment, without destroying our downtown businesses, to
21 create something that will enhance rather than change our
22 town forever. The proximity works, the location works for
23 traffic access and, in my opinion - and this is mine alone
24 - that that's the way to go. Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.

1 Anybody have any questions?

2 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Yeah, I have a
3 question.

4 KRIS KRIDER: Yes, sir?

5 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Why do you - - You
6 made the statement or comment that you felt that
7 the jobs would go to people in the Greater
8 Cincinnati area. What makes you believe that?

9 KRIS KRIDER: In my personal opinion and based on
10 the research that Mr. Merusi and myself did is
11 that at the present time Dearborn County does not
12 have enough employment - - or employable people
13 at the level that the gaming company is going to
14 require. They've made promises to hire locally.
15 I think that will happen initially, but once
16 they've sort of exhausted the supply of
17 professionals and people who are able to - - to
18 fulfil their job requirements, they're going to
19 look to Northern Kentucky, they're going to look
20 to other service industries, such as the airport.
21 Delta Airlines employs thousands of people in the
22 area. Those people - - there will be a job
23 shift. They're going to look for the most
24 talented customer service oriented people and, to
25 be honest with you, Dearborn County at the

1 present rate, because we lack the good schools,
2 we lack the tradition, we have basically a blue
3 collar economy, to establish a good job market
4 for these gaming companies. I think they'll go
5 elsewhere, they'll come from elsewhere and the
6 shift will be more from one job to another.
7 Local banks will have a heck of a time finding
8 somebody at \$4.50 an hour when they can go work
9 on the boat, so there will be a serious shift,
10 but I predict that there won't be that - -
11 generally that many jobs created in the immediate
12 area.

13 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: So you're saying
14 that, in fact, no matter what our intent is, is
15 that you don't believe that we can fulfil that
16 intent just because of the restriction of people
17 in the community to fill the positions?

18 KRIS KRIDER: Right. I think - - Now the
19 secondary growth will create new jobs and that's
20 why the city has to take it's dollar and invest
21 it in local projects which create a multiplier.
22 Gaming is not a good multiplier, because of the
23 shift. But taking the revenues in will generate
24 secondary growth that the business park expansion
25 relocating business, vendors (indiscernible) to

1 supply the riverboat. That's where the economic
2 future lies and that's where the jobs lie. I
3 just wanted to make it clear that there is a
4 distinction between the primary impact and the
5 secondary impact.

6 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: You also made a
7 comment that you believe by having only one boat
8 in the area would be more beneficial, because
9 other boats may dilute that opportunity.

10 KRIS KRIDER: Absolutely.

11 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Why wouldn't you,
12 in fact, believe that the centerism between the
13 boats would bring more of a destination than less
14 of a destination?

15 KRIS KRIDER: Well, that's an excellent point.
16 You go to New York and there's six
17 (indiscernible) restaurants in one block.
18 Competition is good and will produce the best
19 product. I just think that the economic impact -
20 - really I look at Southeastern Indiana as one
21 entity. I was referring more to if Kentucky or
22 Ohio legalizes gaming. That's going to have a
23 more negative impact than Rising Sun or Vevay
24 gaining a license.

25 MR. SUNDWICK: Thank you.

1 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: Now, what are your
2 qualifications? Who are you? I didn't have a
3 chance to look.

4 KRIS KRIDER: I am the city planner and an
5 architect by training.

6 ANN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay. Thank you.

7 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: How has your idea of the
8 relocation of the businesses on Route 50 between
9 the levees been received by that business
10 community in specific?

11 KRIS KRIDER: I've spoken to many of the business
12 owners on U.S. 50 and they would be more than
13 happy to relocate.

14 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Do you feel that's
15 necessary to widen the streets in that area?

16 KRIS KRIDER: I feel it's necessary for traffic
17 to flow better, that we reduce the number of
18 curve cuts and that the facilities that are
19 existing in those very small parcels are not
20 conducive to the - - to their business.

21 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: How has that been
22 received by the city?

23 KRIS KRIDER: The city would love to see it
24 happen, but the city's not going to finance the
25 relocation. What's going to happen is that

1 business is going to decline because of the
2 traffic, because he's got less land. The
3 property value will probably drop and he'll be
4 forced to move on his own and then the
5 acquisition of that property, there's so much
6 property changing hands right now, but I see
7 different kinds of businesses coming in - - or
8 in some ways none at all. I think the area could
9 be beautified without having all of these little
10 gas stations and body shops and things right
11 there in the middle of town.

12 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: One more time, is the
13 idea being well received or are you receiving
14 alot of negative input?

15 KRIS KRIDER: From the city officials?

16 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: City officials first and
17 then from the businesses themselves?

18 KRIS KRIDER: From the city officials, in my
19 opinion and from what I've heard, they like the
20 idea of reducing the number of curve cuts, from
21 relocating the businesses into their new business
22 park, if it can be developed, and from making the
23 entrance into Lawrenceburg much more pleasant.
24 That's our main street today.
25 Now, in regards to the businesses, some are going

1 to try and stick it out, but of the seven or
2 eight that I've talked to, the ones that were not
3 the five listed, the ones I felt are threatened,
4 they are ready to move.

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.
6 Jenny Cundiff?

7 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: She won't be here.

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Oh, I didn't get that
9 message. Alright. Paul Tremain would be next.

10 PAUL TREMAIN: Good afternoon. I'm Paul Tremain.
11 I'm President of the Dearborn County Board of
12 Commissioners. It is an honor to speak before this
13 commission today for the good of all Dearborn Countians and
14 what the riverboat can bring to us. We, as a Board of
15 Commissioners, have endorsed the two boat license within
16 Dearborn County and hope that that will happen.

17 Our main concern is infrastructure. We have no
18 money. We're a poor county just like Ohio and Switzerland
19 Counties. Our roads are in terrible shape, our bridges.
20 Our EMS systems need to be updated, our fire and police
21 services. And we, as the Board of Commissioners, have
22 decided that our share of the funding from the riverboat
23 will be used, in fact, for infrastructure and the
24 development of that. Upgrade is what we need to do.

25 One of our main concerns is the project on U.S.

1 50. We've worked with INDOT (indiscernible) group. We're
2 the lead agency within the county. It's strictly a safety
3 issue here. There's a great deal of wrecks, as Mr.
4 Tiettmeyer said, and as of last night there was two car
5 accident, people hurt, and without this fifth turning lane,
6 it's going to continue. I'm also a Lawrenceburg City
7 Policeman, so I work firsthand with it everyday.

8 The Board of Commissioners have looked at the
9 riverboat gaming as a blessing, in fact, with the money
10 that can bring in to help our community. Right now,
11 industry is low. We have no industry to speak of, outside
12 of Seagram's and a couple other companies, but we need more
13 tax dollars and revenue in to help our county.

14 It is imperative that this job on 50 gets
15 completed as soon as possible. We're also in the works
16 with the state and the City of Lawrenceburg and the Town of
17 Greendale of a by-pass project coming off 275 to by-pass
18 the Town of Greendale and the City of Lawrenceburg, which
19 also will reduce accidents because the traffic flow will be
20 deferred another direction. We think that in the future
21 the communities need to work together and make this come
22 together as one binding community, rather than everyone in
23 a separate entity and to spend this money wisely that we
24 can make off of riverboat gaming.

25 We've looked at it and decided that, as far as

1 Dearborn County's concerned, our money is going to go to
2 the infrastructure and development first for our roads. We
3 have, like I said, very poor roads, and the expense of
4 resurfacing roads now days is quite astronomical and that
5 is our main concern, as well as improving fire, life squad
6 and police coverage. We need more deputy sheriffs and we
7 need more EMS personnel, full-time is what we're looking at
8 down the road. Right now we operate on seven volunteer
9 life squads and that's - - it's hard to get people out at
10 certain times. And riverboat gaming, it will bring a
11 great deal of money in our community, provide jobs and,
12 hopefully, stablize our economy a little more.

13 And we just wanted to have a chance to thank you
14 for hearing us today and if you have any questions, feel
15 free to ask.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Go ahead.

17 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir?

18 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: Uh, we have been
19 handed - and I don't know if some other
20 speaker's going to talk about it - a brochure
21 of U.S. 50 and improvements - -

22 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir.

23 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: And it's prepared by
24 the organization that you mentioned
25 (indiscernible) - -

1 PAUL TREMAIN: (indiscernible) group.

2 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: Right. Now, this is
3 a proposed program or is it in existence?

4 PAUL TREMAIN: It is in existence. We're
5 currently working on it. It is to the best of my
6 knowledge that INDOT advised us that it would be
7 - - uh, for letting in June and construction
8 start in August.

9 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: And it involves
10 building an additional lane and then, uh -

11 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir.

12 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: And then repositioning
13 the turn lanes and the through lanes and so
14 forth, is that - -

15 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir.

16 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: Okay. And is the
17 contract that's going to be let the full length
18 of Aurora through I-275?

19 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir. It's a 50 / I-275
20 connector down through the town of Greendale,
21 Lawrenceburg and into Aurora to the 350 / 50
22 interchange.

23 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: And if you were going
24 to go to Cincinnati from Lawrenceburg, how would
25 you go?

1 PAUL TREMAIN: I'd go 74 if I'm in a hurry.
2 Otherwise, I'd go along U.S. 50, right along the
3 river, a nice easy easy drive, but when I'm in a
4 hurry - -

5 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: And you go up and get
6 on 74 - -

7 PAUL TREMAIN: 275 and it connects with 74.

8 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: I've been - - yeah.

9 PAUL TREMAIN: And 74 ends into 75 and
10 (indiscernible) Street in Cincinnati.

11 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: And do you know enough
12 about Cincinnati to, maybe, give me an idea of
13 where you think the patrons of a boat might come
14 from, what areas of Cincinnati? Would they
15 generally come from the east, west, south, north?

16 PAUL TREMAIN: Well, Cincinnati is pretty
17 diverse. The wealthier neighborhoods, I would
18 say, are on the eastern side, which could come
19 around 275 through Kentucky into Indiana or
20 through Ohio, either way. The west side, as far
21 as Western Hills and Price Hill, which is the
22 western end of Cincinnati, is approximately a
23 twenty minute drive - - fifteen, twenty minute.
24 And the eastern side would be forty minutes. And
25 the interstates carry them straight on 275 to

1 Lawrenceburg.

2 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: But would you wish to
3 give an opinion, after the U.S. 50 improvements
4 are completed, would that kind of solve the
5 problem, uh - -

6 PAUL TREMAIN: Well, it wouldn't solve the long
7 term problem, but it would help in the beginning.
8 It's a step in the right direction. This has
9 been a - - This isn't a new problem. This
10 problem's been with our community for a number of
11 years and it's a step in the right direction.
12 Eventually we're gonna have to - - riverboat
13 or no riverboat, they're eventually gonna have to
14 add more lanes, but yes, it is definitely a step
15 in the right direction. And like I said,
16 safety's the main factor here. Too many people
17 are getting hurt on that highway.

18 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: That connection
19 between 275 and 50 - -

20 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir.

21 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: The corner where
22 they go up to the ski hill, I guess - -

23 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, they can go straight across
24 from there and they go up and hit Indiana 1,
25 which takes you out - -

1 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Is there a proposal
2 on this - - That would be where everybody would
3 come through, that intersection?

4 PAUL TREMAIN: They come into - - off of 275,
5 off the ramp, to 50 and then take a left and go
6 west on 50 into town.

7 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: So, you know, if
8 you had alot of traffic, that would be a real
9 problem, wouldn't it?

10 PAUL TREMAIN: It could be, yes.

11 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: And you'd be the
12 safest way to come is to come out 50 from
13 Cincinnati? I mean - -

14 PAUL TREMAIN: Well - - Well, no, I wouldn't
15 say that. I would say that 275's the safest
16 route. Either way, you're going through that
17 intersection, so it's - - You know, the people
18 from Western Hills or the western end of
19 Cincinnati would most likely use 50, because all
20 they have to do is drop over the hill and hit 50,
21 so people in the northern and eastern and - -
22 lying areas of northern Kentucky that would come
23 in on the interstate. If I was travelling it,
24 that's the way I would do it.

25 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Would you - -

1 Would you believe that needs some improvement,
2 that area?

3 PAUL TREMAIN: No, it's - - It is a quite large
4 intersection and there isn't really alot of
5 accidents right at that intersection. There's a
6 few, naturally, because it is an intersection,
7 but, as a whole, there's not a whole lot of
8 accidents right there at that intersection.

9 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: It seems to me it's
10 only one left onto 50 - -

11 PAUL TREMAIN: Correct.

12 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: You can't take two
13 turns. I mean, I - -

14 PAUL TREMAIN: No. It's a - - It's a one - -
15 There's two lanes. One goes straight to the
16 right and the left lane is strictly left turn
17 onto 50 and go westbound.

18 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Do you think that
19 would - - that particular - - that would - -
20 you know, you're a policeman in that area - -
21 that that would - - that's sufficient?

22 PAUL TREMAIN: It isn't sufficient today, no. I
23 mean, if I was going to have the wherewithall and
24 the means, I would upgrade that intersection, by
25 all means and add a second left turn lane there.

1 It would move traffic quicker. It does get
2 backed up there, as Mr. Braun will attest. He's
3 the Town Board President of Greendale. At rush
4 hour, people coming from Cincinnati home - we
5 are a bedroom community for Cincinnati - and
6 traffic does back up there taking a left on 50,
7 which is westbound. And if I had the choice or,
8 like I said, the decision, yes, I could see
9 another left turn lane onto 50 there.

10 MR. SUNDWICK: Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Anything else?

12 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir.

13 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Are you the only speaker
14 for the Dearborn County Board of County
15 Commissioners?

16 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir. I have another
17 commissioner with me, Mr. Red Hoffmeyer. He's
18 here, also.

19 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: To what extent has the
20 Board of County Commissioners or any of the
21 cities or any of the applicants addressed funding
22 to any of the school districts in view of the
23 potential impact of people moving into Dearborn
24 County to work on any gaming boat that might be
25 there?

1 PAUL TREMAIN: No, not to my knowledge. We - -

2 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: That's never been
3 addressed?

4 PAUL TREMAIN: No, sir, not to my knowledge. The
5 - - One of the town entities may have addressed
6 it, but the Commissioners have not. Our main
7 concern has been safety on the highways and the
8 improvement of them. Not that the schools should
9 rank second, but we do need to upgrade our roads.
10 First we've gotta get our kids there safely and
11 that's the bottom line there.

12 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Are you familiar at all
13 with the school systems in the county?

14 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir.

15 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: To what extent might they
16 be able to absorb three, four, five hundred more
17 students?

18 PAUL TREMAIN: Lawrenceburg could probably absorb
19 that - - three or four hundred students without
20 much - - they've had a decline in the recent
21 years. But East Central and South Dearborn may
22 have to add - - put additional staff on and
23 maybe facilities if that - -

24 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: And if revenue sharing
25 hasn't been discussed in that area, then that

1 would be an adverse impact on those towns within
2 your county, because there would not be any
3 revenue shared with the school districts, based
4 upon the way the state puts together the revenue
5 sharing?

6 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, I would agree with that.

7 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: To your knowledge, it
8 hasn't been addressed?

9 PAUL TREMAIN: No, sir.

10 JACK THAR: Thank you.

11 QUESTION BY FLOYD HANNON: I heard you mention
12 something about a by-pass in the planning?

13 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir, where he was discussing,
14 uh - - where you come across 50 there to come
15 off 275, we have a proposal to make a road that
16 goes along - - that would go straight across 50,
17 goes along the railroad track bed there and it
18 will cross Tanner's Creek, then make a left
19 actually. It will go south and back into 50.
20 It will by-pass the Town of Greendale and
21 Lawrenceburg, come out on the western side of
22 Lawrenceburg, State Route 48.

23 QUESTION BY FLOYD HANNON: Come out west of
24 Tanner's Creek?

25 PAUL TREMAIN: Yes, sir. It would cross Tanner's

1 Creek. It would be on the west side of Tanner's
2 Creek when it comes out, which is another
3 advantage. We have one bridge right now, which
4 is U.S. 50, that crosses Tanner's Creek. If
5 something would happen on that bridge, to get to
6 the hospital, which is on the western side of the
7 creek, you'd have to drive twenty minutes one way
8 and ten or fifteen another to get up there, and
9 they are county roads to get there, the other two
10 roads that we access. So we definitely need the
11 bypass, also, and we definitely need the fifth
12 lane on 50. It's strictly a safety matter.
13 That's the way INDOT looked at it, that's the way
14 we look at it, and that's the way I personally
15 look at it. Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thanks very much. Okay.
17 Leon Kelly is next. Good. I'm glad to see who
18 you are. We drove through your town and I saw
19 your signs all over.

20 LEON KELLY: Right. I appreciate the Gaming
21 Commission giving me time to speak today. My
22 main problem is traffic, really. Aurora, being
23 not the largest city in the county, our chance of
24 a boat is almost null, but if Rising Sun gets one
25 or Switzerland County gets one, we get all of the

1 traffic and none of the money, so that's one
2 problem to look at. And so, I'd like to see the
3 Commission come up with a plan to split the
4 money, where everyone has a portion of it. And
5 I believe they've given them alot of authority,
6 maybe give them a little bit more to where they
7 can help the smaller communities. That's about
8 all I have to say about it. Some of them take a
9 little more time, I don't take too much time. I
10 appreciate the time. Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you. Anybody
12 have any questions? Okay. Thank you very much.
13 Jack Braun?

14 HARLAN HOFFMAN: Town of Greendale.

15 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Yes, Town of
16 Greendale.

17 HARLAN HOFFMAN: My name is Harlan Hoffman and
18 I'm the attorney for the Town of Greendale and want to take
19 this opportunity to speak and Mr. Braun will have a few
20 remarks at my conclusion, which, hopefully, will be short.

21 The Town of Greendale has not endorsed any
22 applicant. It is here to ask your understanding and your
23 help.

24 It took the river to build and unite our
25 communities and it seems as if the river will now destroy

1 and divide our communities unless you do something. The
2 overwhelming and devastating affect of traffic from
3 riverboat gaming was acknowledged by Lawrenceburg and the
4 experts hired to compel us protection under development
5 agreements. Traffic received the highest priority by
6 consultants for Lawrenceburg, which directed that it be
7 limited so that it would cause harm mainly to it's eastern
8 neighbor, the Town of Greendale. The consultants reported
9 that any traffic plan was a "critical issue for evaluation"
10 and "a development on the east side of the city would best
11 suit the interests of Lawrenceburg".

12 The endorsements made by Lawrenceburg committed
13 Greendale to be inflicted with the largest harm without
14 consideration or effort to mitigate. The geography of the
15 three communities and the crucial effect of traffic and
16 other problems upon it, has been either ignored or possibly
17 just not given a damn by anyone connected with riverboat
18 process.

19 Riverboat gambling legislation gave Lawrenceburg
20 the opportunity to control the affects and it took
21 advantage without regard to Greendale. The legislation
22 gave the prospective operators no reason to be concerned
23 about the affects upon Greendale and they have not. The
24 Gaming Commission has not made any contact with any
25 official of Greendale or demonstrated any effort in regard

1 to Greendale. Apparently the citizens and businesses of
2 Greendale are considered to be without consequence or
3 worthy of concern in the overriding pursuit. So what? Why
4 should anyone, the Gaming Commission in general, or any of
5 you as an individual member be concerned about the people
6 of the town of Greendale?

7 Ninety-five percent of all traffic into Dearborn
8 County and Lawrenceburg arrives and leaves by way of only
9 two routes: I-275, with the main load, and Indiana Route
10 1 from I-74 in the north. Both join and dump into a single
11 intersection located in Greendale. The result? Greendale
12 will be at the mercy of fifty to sixty thousand vehicles
13 each day to impact and make impossible the continued
14 enjoyment of our homes and businesses. That must be
15 combatted.

16 Traffic problems threatening the families,
17 businesses and future of Greendale will be addressed. The
18 question is, by who? We ask your help. The legislature
19 created your commission and the governor selected you for
20 just this reason. I accept that you are each interested in
21 the welfare of the people of the area and do not wish to
22 cause them harm or loss. The question is whether or not
23 you will cause the problem of traffic within Greendale to
24 be addressed because of it's importance to the liability of
25 our area and any riverboat success.

1 There are responsibilities to be met for
2 Greendale. You in the commission have sufficient lawful
3 authority to protect our community from the negative impact
4 of riverboat gambling and promote any of it's benefit.
5 Likewise, the elected officials and police officers of
6 Greendale have the duty and authority with lawful
7 discretion to vigorously protect and defend the town's
8 peace and safety to the fullest extent of the law.
9 Recognizing that duty, the Town of Greendale and the Town
10 Council is committed to a course of action against the
11 affect of overwhelming traffic volume. Greendale will deal
12 with and control all traffic within it's corporate
13 boundaries. We are at the stage of development process
14 where any of the proposed projects can be cooperatively
15 modified to promote proper goals of all parties.

16 You are invited and requested to discuss various
17 problems and approaches in detail with the officials of
18 Greendale about the opportunity of any riverboat
19 development. Call on Council President Jack Braun.

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Excuse me. What was
21 your name again?

22 MR. HOFFMAN: Hoffman. Harlan Hoffman.

23 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Hoffman, okay. Okay,
24 that was five minutes, so, uh - -

25 HARLAN HOFFMAN: He just wants to make a couple

1 of closing remarks.

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay. You go ahead
3 and make your - - but it needs to be kept short.
4 We'll give you some of Mr. Kelly's time.

5 JACK BRAUN: It will be very short.

6 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay, thanks.

7 JACK BRAUN: My name is Jack Braun. I'm
8 president of the council of the Town of Greendale. Up to
9 this point, in the selection process there has been a
10 blatant disregard for the welfare of the Town of Greendale
11 and it's citizens by the City of Lawrenceburg and the
12 endorsed gaming company. Let there be no misunderstanding
13 that the town council is prepared to take the legal steps
14 necessary to protect the welfare of the town and it's
15 people.

16 This committee has been given the power by the
17 state of Indiana to correct the situation. The question
18 remains, does it have the willpower to do so? Thank you.

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.

20 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: What's the
21 modification - -

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay, we have some
23 questions here. Stay up.

24 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: You know, it's almost
25 like walking into a buzzsaw. I mean, when we - -

1 when we arrived here yesterday afternoon, I did
2 not know where Greendale was, nor did I know any
3 of the problems and thus far I've been threatened
4 and accused and other things. I - - I think
5 maybe you ought to tell us what the problem is a
6 little bit.

7 HARLAN HOFFMAN: Well, welcome to Dearborn
8 County.

9 ALAN KINEMAN: Well, it's a lovely place, the
10 weather was beautiful yesterday - -

11 HARLAN HOFFMAN: Can I - - If I may?

12 ALAN KINEMAN: Go ahead.

13 HARLAN HOFFMAN: The legislation that created or
14 talked about riverboat gaming, in awarding a
15 license to the largest municipality on the Ohio
16 River, has impact nowhere else in the State of
17 Indiana, except a place called Dearborn County,
18 as the map indicates, one map showing the three
19 communities. Everywhere else the largest
20 community is the largest and, usually, if not the
21 sole community on the river. Dearborn County is
22 different. If you look from above onto the
23 narrow strip of the developed and business area
24 of Dearborn County, it would appear as one
25 community. And if you considered it as a single

1 community stretching along Route 50, that would
2 be a wrong conclusion. It is not so. There are
3 three separate communities, Lawrenceburg, the
4 largest under riverboat gambling legislation,
5 with a population of approximately three
6 thousand, four hundred people, and Greendale with
7 it's population of about three thousand, two
8 hundred some odd people, and Aurora with it's
9 population - - excuse me - - four thousand,
10 two hundred for Greendale, and about three
11 thousand, eight hundred for Aurora.

12 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: But you're not on the river.
13 HARLAN HOFFMAN: So the communities are almost
14 equal in population. They share their common
15 borders and are bound by the limitations of it's
16 geography of being within approximately one mile
17 of the Ohio River, which is the only developable
18 area, and tied by the common thread of U.S. Route
19 50, which controls and limits the development.
20 We are bound by this. We cannot separate
21 ourselves. Historically, there has always been
22 disunity in Dearborn County between the three
23 communities. You ask about development and
24 cooperation on some things or eluded to that.
25 Highway 50 and you've asked about that situation.

1 That situation - - Greendale does not have a
2 problem with Route 50. Recently the County
3 Commissioners have requested that there was an
4 opportunity to develop a turning lane to
5 alleviate the problem, mainly on the west side of
6 Lawrenceburg. The response of Greendale was that
7 the town would join in. Greendale committed
8 itself to an expenditure of up to sixty thousand
9 dollars. This is in a community of four thousand
10 two hundred people and approximately seventeen
11 hundred households, a large expenditure for a
12 small town. It's my understanding, recent
13 reports - - I don't know if Lawrenceburg has
14 changed it's mind, but the project originally
15 designed to alleviate problems within it's
16 borders, they said it is not in agreement with
17 and they backed out of it. Lawrenceburg - -
18 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Excuse me, Mr. Hoffman. I
19 don't mean to interrupt you, but I feel like
20 Judge Ito. (laughter) I really want to know
21 what the problem is. I don't need all of the
22 history.
23 HARLAN HOFFMAN: Specifically, what would you
24 like to know?
25 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, specifically - - I

1 mean, we're talking about they're going to
2 upgrade 50 and you said that's really not your
3 concern.

4 HARLAN HOFFMAN: I didn't say that.

5 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, but that you're
6 satisfied or you're something. Just tell me what
7 you - -

8 HARLAN HOFFMAN: I said that Greendale has
9 offered to cooperate.

10 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: In the upgrade, the INDOT
11 upgrade, of 50, which - -

12 HARLAN HOFFMAN: Which is basically in the City
13 of Lawrenceburg.

14 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Paul Tremain was talking about
15 that. Okay. From there on, what is your
16 problem? Just tell me - - Just be very brief,
17 but what is your problem? I mean, what - -

18 HARLAN HOFFMAN: Greendale will be decimated by
19 this traffic. It has never been contacted. None
20 of the proposals take into account the effect on
21 Greendale.

22 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, isn't the traffic all
23 gonna be on 50? Do you expect it to spill over
24 into your neighborhood. How does it do more than
25 that? (crowd noise) Please, don't.

1 JACK BRAUN: May I answer that? There are two
2 ways to get to the City of Lawrenceburg. If
3 you're coming from the west, the north or the
4 south. That is on the south and the west, you
5 come out U.S. 50. Contrary what people may want
6 to believe, you do not go into Lawrenceburg, you
7 go into the Town of Greendale. As you come off
8 the expressway, that is the Town of Greendale.
9 If you're coming from the north, you have Route
10 1. Now Route 1, up until six, seven months ago,
11 used to run right through the Town of Greendale.
12 This is called Ridge Avenue. That still is an
13 area can be considered a four lane road which
14 will be used for the people from the north taking
15 a shortcut due to the traffic tie-up on 50. Our
16 community will become stagnant. What we're
17 requesting is that this Commission, in their
18 wisdom, see fit that this problem is addressed.
19 If it cannot be addressed locally, I am
20 requesting that gaming not come to this - - this
21 community for the first go around until this
22 situation is solved. What we have here, we have
23 a community, the Town of Greendale, which by a
24 seventy-one percent vote has decided that they
25 still want to remain an individual community and

1 they are not a part of Lawrenceburg, just like
2 Aurora is not a part of Lawrenceburg. We have
3 decided to become a city. Effective January,
4 1996, Greendale is a city. We want to have the
5 respect just like the local communities.

6 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: You have the respect of this
7 Commission, okay?

8 JACK BRAUN: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: If you would submit, between
10 now and at least May 15th, when we will again
11 address, at least, the areas down - - If you
12 would submit a concise request of this Commission
13 as to what you see to be the problems and what
14 you see to be the solution to help the citizens
15 of Greendale, we would be most appreciative.

16 JACK BRAUN: Thank you for that opportunity.

17 HARLAN HOFFMAN: What we're saying - -
18 (indiscernible) is not to have traffic impact on
19 that intersection. As of now, all traffic will
20 go that way.

21 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: It would be very
22 helpful, I think what Alan is saying is, it would
23 be very helpful to have that put in writing so
24 that we could actually read what exactly the
25 problems are and what you would see a possible

1 solution to this.

2 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: And take into consideration
3 the rework of 50 that they're talking about,
4 which you say you're cooperating with. I mean,
5 let's assume that's done. What more needs to be
6 done for Greendale?

7 HARLAN HOFFMAN: Well, that particular
8 (indiscernible). It's not been (indiscernible)
9 in the final plans - -

10 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, I'm told that it's going
11 to be let in June. It must be pretty far down
12 the road in INDOT's, uh, today - -
13 (indiscernible)

14 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: One other thing, you've
15 mentioned during the course of your original
16 discussion on this issue that all these proposals
17 could be modified to fit your needs. Would you
18 please include those modifications that you
19 mentioned? You never said what they were, you
20 just said the word. Whatever it is, would you
21 submit to us in writing?

22 HARLAN HOFFMAN: Here again, you're asking for
23 specific engineering type proposals?

24 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Well, you said that each
25 of the gaming proposals, if modified, could take

1 care of the situation in Greendale. I'm simply
2 saying, tell us what the modifications are that
3 you're suggesting?

4 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: I mean, U.S. 50's
5 got to be eight lanes, then overhead, you know,
6 or something. I mean, whatever you think should
7 be - - You don't need to hire a traffic
8 engineer, just tell us what you need.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: No, we're not asking -
10 -

11 DON VOWELS: Well, he's requested that the
12 Commission, the way he specifically stated that
13 the Commission has done everything to ignore
14 their position. You know, this is the first I've
15 ever heard of them and I think Mr. Thar's request
16 - - we are open to whatever considerations and
17 suggestions you may have, just tell us what they
18 are. We can't read your mind. So if you're
19 going to come here and accuse us of ignoring you
20 people who we've never met, we're open. I mean,
21 tell us what it is that you want and we'll
22 address it. I don't have any objection to that
23 at all. I don't like to be accused of something
24 that I don't feel is a reality. But the bottom
25 line is, if you have an objection, you put it in

1 writing and you make it as specific as possible,
2 and this Commission will address all concerns.
3 We're not parochial, we don't care any more about
4 them than we care about anybody else.
5 Everybody's on equal footing here. I would
6 assume, based upon what you've told us in here,
7 that - - I'd just like to know, you're
8 vigorously protecting this town's peace and
9 safety to the fullest extent of the law, I assume
10 you're all doing that now, is that right?

11 JACK BRAUN: That's correct.

12 (Laughter)

13 JACK BRAUN: That is correct and it will
14 continue.

15 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Okay. I guess my - - You
16 know, I don't understand at all, I guess. Uh,
17 you know, I'm confused. I don't even know what
18 we're gonna get. To protect the (indiscernible)
19 and the traffic on 50, is that - - There's
20 gonna be alot more traffic on Highway 50 coming
21 off the connector to 275 and that intersection I
22 talked about earlier?

23 HARLAN HOFFMAN: That whole intersection.

24 ROBERT SUNDWICK: That whole intersection is - -
25 and I asked your County Commissioner if that's

1 what you need to address - -

2 HARLAN HOFFMAN: You've heard from other people
3 that, uh - -

4 ROBERT SUNDWICK: No, I just travel it alot. I
5 haven't heard from anybody.

6 HARLAN HOFFMAN: Excuse me. One of the
7 (indiscernible) other comments.

8 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Okay.

9 HARLAN HOFFMAN: The - - Probably the most
10 unwanted aspect of this whole scenario is traffic
11 and what I'm just trying - - what we're trying
12 to impress upon you is that almost all, if not
13 all, of the traffic impact is only upon one
14 community and that is Greendale.

15 QUESTION BY VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Now, have
16 you - - Have you approached the town of
17 Lawrenceburg, yourself? You say they have not
18 concerned themselves with you. Have you - -

19 JACK BRAUN: Yes, we have.

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: - - attempted to - -

21 JACK BRAUN: Yes.

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: - - negotiate?

23 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: I don't understand
24 what you're trying to negotiate. The traffic's
25 gonna come down there, they need a bigger

1 intersection, it's a state highway - -

2 HARLAN HOFFMAN: (indiscernible)

3 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Why would - - Why
4 would - - Why would, you know - - and these
5 are just questions. I'm not trying to be
6 antagonistic. You know, when you came up, you
7 just said - - I almost feel I was threatened
8 and I didn't do anything. I was looking around,
9 like, who you're talking to.

10 HARLAN HOFFMAN: We only had five minutes.

11 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Well, okay. Yeah, you got your
12 point, obviously, across to me.

13 (Laughter)

14 ROBERT SUNDWICK: I'm trying to figure out - -
15 it's a state highway, if you don't like it, I
16 looked at the city map and the city certainly - -
17 it appears to me there is a problem on 50. One
18 time I had to go through your community - - I
19 mean, it was bypassed through your community when
20 50 was closed for some repairs in a track or
21 something. Uh, this is really kind of the
22 outskirts of the community, 50, right? It's a
23 state highway.

24 JACK BRAUN: No, 50 is Greendale.

25 ROBERT SUNDWICK: I understand it. But, I mean,

1 it's also a state highway that just goes through
2 the edge of your community, right?

3 HARLAN HOFFMAN: If we have any future business
4 in the area at all, sir, (indiscernible)

5 ROBERT SUNDWICK: That's the (indiscernible)
6 five lanes of road, so what you'd like to see is
7 some bypass so it didn't get on 50?

8 HARLAN HOFFMAN: That would be - - That would
9 fit in with what we were (indiscernible)

10 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Probably not feasible, though,
11 is it?

12 HARLAN HOFFMAN: No, sir, I believe it is
13 feasible. One of your applicants does take that
14 into account.

15 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, when you submit this
16 material in writing, I think maybe we'll
17 understand the solution; we understand the
18 problem. We understood the problem. That we
19 understood before we came down. We understood
20 that traffic was a problem in the southeastern
21 quadrant of the state and we understood that very
22 well, so you don't have to impress upon us that
23 that is a problem. You can impress upon us what
24 the solution would be that's feasible, practical
25 and immediate - - as immediate issue.

1 HARLAN HOFFMAN: The only other thing - -

2 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Because we're down here to
3 grant licenses and the operators who have applied
4 expect to get operating fairly soon.

5 JACK BRAUN: My last request would be that this
6 Commission understand that this process has been
7 going on since '93 between Greendale and the
8 local community and there has not been any mutual
9 solution. As a matter of fact, when this - -
10 one of the criteria was set up that - - and
11 recommended by highway engineers what to - - to
12 not let traffic go into Lawrenceburg, keep it on
13 the east. Well, here we are. Where is the east?
14 It's Greendale. And what is Greendale going to
15 enjoy out of this whole thing? Zero. That's all
16 we ask you to under - - to hear us out and we
17 will submit to you by May 15th - -

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: That would be great.

19 JACK BRAUN: I believe that was the date. May
20 15th?

21 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: That is the date.
22 Alright.

23 JACK BRAUN: Okay, thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.
25 Okay. Next we have Rodney Dennerline.

1 (indiscernible) Oh, is this more Greendale?

2 (Laughter)

3 RODNEY DENNERLINE: Harlan almost made my case,
4 but he dropped in the middle. I guess I'll have
5 to fire him as an attorney.

6 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Well, you're on the
7 list, so you can have your five minutes.

8 RODNEY DENNERLINE: I really don't want to get
9 into U.S. 50 very much, because you'd eat into my five
10 minutes and the young lady over there would be throwing
11 that yellow card up at me and then the red, so - -

12 ROBERT SUNDWICK: We ask questions not - -

13 RODNEY DENNERLINE: If you will ask me the
14 questions at the end, that way I can stop boring you. In
15 November, when I was president of the Board of
16 Commissioners of Dearborn County, we endorsed a two boat
17 concept for Dearborn County. There were a number of
18 reasons we did this, the major one was fairness to all
19 communities and all citizens of Dearborn County. Over
20 forty thousand people live in Dearborn County and they all
21 have the opportunity to vote upon this and they passed the
22 resolution by a very narrow margin. The major concern of
23 alot of people in Dearborn County was that one small area
24 was getting all of the benefits and the rest of them
25 weren't getting anything and the Commissioners felt with

1 the two boat scenario that it divided the revenue among not
2 only towns and cities, but individuals in Dearborn County,
3 to take care of schools, fire, emergency procedures and
4 other contingencies which are going to be forced upon the
5 county of Dearborn. Anytime you get a big industry, there
6 is infrastructure, there are problems that domino through
7 a community. We are talking possibly two to four thousand
8 people that are going to be on payroll. This is not only
9 houses, schools, police, fires, roads. The equitable
10 division is the two boat scenario.

11 We have a very unique situation in Dearborn
12 County, as Harlan eluded to. We have three towns that are
13 almost the same population within two or three hundred
14 people. They all interlock on their boundaries. To an
15 outsider, you would never know when you're driving from one
16 to the other unless it said mayor so and so and this is - -
17 state champ was here or whatever you read at city lines and
18 boundaries. It is not equitable because of a fluke of a
19 population that you receive the majority of the money, yet
20 towns like Greendale and Aurora receive a majority of the
21 problems without the money. Therefore the Board of
22 Commissioners endorsed a two boat scenario.

23 We also looked a little farther down the line.
24 We realize that there is going to be competition from
25 adjoining states. Business does not operate in a vacuum

1 and politicians are very greedy. There's alot of money
2 that's going to the State of Indiana. It's tax dollars.
3 It's revenue tax dollars and no politician likes to raise
4 taxes. But the gambling, gaming, whatever you want to call
5 it, ends up being a revenue source for the state and for
6 the county and for the cities. Ohio and Kentucky are going
7 to look at this and say, "Hey, we need this because we
8 don't have to raise taxes". We need a scenario in Dearborn
9 County which is a (indiscernible).

10 And I'd like to go something that has really gone
11 over, over and over again. When Atlantic City opened, they
12 said, "Las Vegas is dead". Didn't happen. It's bigger
13 than it ever was. They competed. Now more people go
14 there than they do to Atlantic City, plus the Indian
15 Reservations and whoever else has got the local bingo
16 parlor.

17 Now I'll go into the intersection. I was very
18 closely involved in the improvements on U.S. 50 with Fred
19 Papool. The fifth lane alleviates a major problem we've
20 had with U.S. 50. I'm into answering questions now, young
21 lady.

22 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Ah, I don't - -
23 (Laughter)

24 RODNEY DENNERLINE: 'Cause you hadn't flashed
25 that at me. We have a four lane highway, because the left

1 turns and right turns have reduced the road to a two lane.
2 With a fifth lane, we'll get back our extra two lanes. So
3 you're looking at possibly doubling the capacity.

4 I'd like to thank you very much for your
5 attention. If you have any questions, feel free.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.
7 Anybody want to pursue this?

8 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Why can't the
9 county - - this is - - why can't you make
10 this a county issue? It seems to me like you've
11 got some problem between the three communities.
12 Is there this much rivalry in everything that
13 goes on?

14 (Laughter)

15 RODNEY DENNERLINE: Uh, I'm sitting next to the
16 mayor here and, uh - - They tried to build a
17 school together. How long ago was that, Leon?
18 Twenty years?

19 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, schools are some other
20 issue.

21 RODNEY DENNERLINE: Well, no, no. Let me
22 explain. And they said, "No, we can't do that,
23 we couldn't play them in basketball." Uh, and
24 this gives - - I don't want to say mentality,
25 because that's - - that's - - that's not fair.

1 It's a great rivalry. It's always been that way.
2 You know, my family has lived in Dearborn County
3 for centuries. I had a - - I had a great-
4 great-grandfather was a member of the Indiana
5 legislature, the first one, 1816 or whatever it
6 was, rode a horse. He and another guy swapped
7 off. He went for awhile and the other guy went
8 for awhile. But Lawrenceburg and Aurora have
9 always been rivals and I think will - - uh,
10 Harlan could go into the history on why Greendale
11 formed itself to split off from Lawrenceburg.
12 You know, it gets very complicated. Uh, these
13 are passed on from generation to generation and
14 the only solution the Commissioners knew was a
15 two boat scenario and split the revenue out
16 through the entire county.

17 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Okay, thank you.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: But it may not be - -
19 it may - - The Legislature just may make that
20 an impossible scenario anyway.

21 RODNEY DENNERLINE: I understand that, uh,
22 there's alot of bills floating around in the
23 Legislature to pre-empt this. You know, I'm - -
24 I'm not opposed to - - I understand you have
25 four boats left to award, isn't that correct?

1 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Right.

2 RODNEY DENNERLINE: I'm not opposed to Rising Sun
3 and Vevay getting a boat, but we could still have
4 two in Dearborn County - -

5 (Laughter)

6 RODNEY DENNERLINE: - - to take care of the
7 market. I - - I'm not - - I'm not up here to
8 be a hog, in other words. You know, hogs get
9 slaughtered.

10 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN SUNDWICK: What do the
11 people in Greendale do when one of their girls
12 starts to go with a boy from Lawrenceburg?

13 RODNEY DENNERLINE: The boys from Aurora always
14 dated the girls from Lawrenceburg. Now, that was
15 - - that was when you got a car. But then
16 after you get married and have children, then
17 their kids and offspring could play each other
18 football and basketball.

19 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Well, I'm sure you'll get this
20 settled one day.

21 (Laughter)

22 RODNEY DENNERLINE: Thank you very - - No, I
23 don't think so.

24 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, even the Hatfields and
25 McCoys finally got it worked out, didn't they?

1 RODNEY DENNERLINE: Thank you very much.

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you. Okay. Now
3 we have Robert Hastings? And this is Aurora
4 speaking.

5 ROBERT HASTINGS: Chairman, Members of the Gaming
6 Commission, thank you for meeting with us here today. My
7 name is Bob Hastings and I've been a lifelong resident of
8 Dearborn County. I've operated business in Dearborn County
9 for thirty-five years. My speech is very short and will be
10 to the point. My only interest is to see that you improve
11 the quality of life for our friends, neighbors and our
12 children.

13 As I stand before you, I want you to know that I
14 firmly support riverboat gaming. In evaluating the
15 applicants, the ones that I see is the ones who can bring
16 things into the county, like the area with the Indianapolis
17 Zoo, who could bring education and development ideas to our
18 county. They also, uh - - they bring family
19 entertainment, which is what we want and what we need.
20 Also, if a project represents more to us - - a program
21 that will withstand against any competition between Ohio
22 and Kentucky. Also, they have been one who has promised
23 that they will build a corporate headquarters in Aurora and
24 for this reason I'm always happy, because we need something
25 that would bring executive jobs and prestige to our

1 community.

2 This is all I have to say and I would thank you
3 for your time and welcome to southern Indiana.

4 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.

5 Alright. If there are no questions, then we'll
6 move onto E. G. McLaughlin.

7 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: John Frantz.

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Oh, I'm sorry. John -
9 - Oh, I thought that - - Oh, I'm sorry. John
10 Frantz? That was - - I saw Aurora twice and I
11 just skipped right over.

12 JOHN FRANTZ: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate
13 your time to address you. My name is John Frantz. I'm a
14 resident of Aurora and have a small business there. I'm
15 here today to express my concern for a decision that you
16 make that basically shares this development with the
17 region. We've heard alot of things about and you're
18 getting a feel of the rivalries that have existed here. My
19 concern is that regardless of the number of licenses that
20 are granted, their location or the quality of the
21 developer, southeast Indiana will be forever changed after
22 you make this decision, whether it's one boat or four or
23 however many it may be.

24 All of the applicants have the same basic boat
25 and parking lot. So what are they going to do for us as

1 citizens, for the development of the area for the region
2 and the long term? I think this is what should be the most
3 important to us. After more than a year of hearing gaming
4 companies making promises and presentations as to what they
5 can do or what they will do, I was impressed by what the
6 Empire people came into Aurora and said, "We want to put
7 our national headquarters and our training center in
8 Aurora." Bricks and mortar, solid things that will be
9 there as a tax base, sharing that wealth beyond just the
10 edge of the riverfront. Those are the kinds of things that
11 I look for as a property owner, as a resident of one of the
12 neighboring towns where they development will happen at.

13 One of the businesses that I own is an ambulance
14 service, so I'm concerned about, obviously, transportation
15 and I'm concerned about traffic, I'm concerned about safety
16 concerns. We haven't heard much about it in the media, but
17 one of the things that this company has done is, in their
18 presentation or the preparation they're making here, is a
19 concern with by creating a channel on the river to protect
20 that boat from barge traffic. And if you've ever been on
21 that river when barges are going by, you know what that
22 means, small boat or big boat, those barges are big.

23 I think we need a company or companies in this
24 region that look at us as a region and not as a city. We -
25 - We hope that you will give strong consideration to the

1 companies as they make their presentations to you in
2 looking at the concerns that have been shared here by a
3 number of people, not just myself. I appreciate your time.

4 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you. Okay, now
5 we're ready for E.G. McLaughlin. We'll have
6 plenty of reading material tonight.

7 E. G. McLAUGHLIN: You'll have alot of homework
8 to do.

9 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: And I ordered some more up.

10 E. G. McLAUGHLIN: Good afternoon. I am E. G.
11 McLaughlin, the manager of a business located on Walnut
12 Street, which is the main street through downtown
13 Lawrenceburg. I would like to voice my great concerns
14 about locating either a temporary or a permanent riverboat
15 gaming facility at the end of Walnut Street. Walnut Street
16 is basically four blocks long, the final two blocks of
17 Walnut Street narrow down to one way traffic as it
18 approaches the levee which protects the City of
19 Lawrenceburg from the Ohio River. These final two blocks
20 of Walnut Street are also dissected by railroad tracks.
21 There are personal residences located on Walnut Street,
22 there are churches located on Walnut Street and there are
23 businesses located on Walnut Street. The Bureau of Motor
24 Vehicles of Dearborn County, the only license branch in the
25 county, is also located on Walnut Street. The first

1 serious concern with locating a temporary boat or a
2 permanent boat at the end of Walnut Street would be the
3 unmanageable number of cars that would travel on Walnut
4 Street. Walnut Street is approximately four-tenths of a
5 mile long. That means if an average car length is thirteen
6 feet, there's only enough room to put approximately a
7 hundred and sixty-two cars bumper-to-bumper from one end of
8 Walnut Street to the other.

9 I know that all eight gambling companies have
10 done extensive studies on how many people their different
11 boats will bring into the area. The numbers that each
12 company project are quite impressive. However, I ask the
13 Commission when they are studying the proposals and
14 evaluating all the information given to them to please
15 remember the number of one hundred and sixty-two, which,
16 again, is the number of cars that fit bumper-to-bumper on
17 the whole length of Walnut Street. After remembering the
18 number one sixty-two, think of the number of people that
19 are projected by the gambling companies to come in the area
20 each day. You can easily determine that it will take more
21 than a hundred and sixty-two cars to carry these people.
22 The Commission can easily use this same method of
23 calculation if buses are used to bring people down Walnut
24 Street. Does the Commission want more than a hundred to a
25 hundred and twenty-five buses bumper-to-bumper down Walnut

1 Street? How would the residents get into their homes with
2 this much traffic, how will the people get to the churches
3 to worship with this much traffic, and how will customers
4 get into businesses with this much traffic?

5 The other serious concern with locating a
6 temporary boat or a permanent boat at the end of Walnut
7 Street would be the problem of parking. There are
8 approximately two hundred parking spaces on Walnut Street.
9 All this parking is free. Human nature being what it is,
10 people will usually park in a space that is free if they
11 walk to their destination - and they can walk to there,
12 that is not very far. These parking spaces are now being
13 used by the residents for their homes, worshippers for the
14 churches, and customers for the businesses. These same
15 spaces will be taken over by the people coming to use the
16 riverboat. What are the residents of Walnut Street going
17 to park - - where are they going to park to get into their
18 homes, where are the people going to park to attend the
19 churches and where are the customers going to park so that
20 they may patronize the businesses on Walnut Street?

21 Again, I ask the Commission, as they study the
22 proposals of the gambling companies that are sprinkled with
23 very large numbers, in addition to remembering the small
24 number one hundred and sixty-two, to also remember the
25 small number two hundred, the approximate number of parking

1 spaces on Walnut Street. The riverboat can be a nice step
2 forward economically for Dearborn County, but let us not
3 take one step backward economically and socially by placing
4 a temporary boat or a permanent boat at the end of Walnut
5 Street. The homes, churches and businesses on Walnut
6 Street will not be able to handle all of the traffic and
7 the parking problems for even one day.

8 I appreciate the Commission for taking the time
9 to listen to these concerns. I know it has been and will
10 continue to be a long day for you. As you visit the
11 proposed temporary and permanent sites and as you drive
12 down Walnut Street, please envision the bumper-to-bumper
13 cars and buses and the filled parking spaces. And if you
14 take anything home with you today, please remember the
15 small numbers, the hundred and sixty-two cars, the hundred
16 buses, the two hundred parking spaces compared to the large
17 number of people projected by the gambling companies.
18 Thank you.

19 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.
20 Any questions, gentlemen? Okay. Thank you.
21 Okay. Our last speaker before the break would be
22 Dennis Goodwin.

23 DENNIS GOODWIN: My name is Dennis Goodwin. I
24 live at 438 Arch Street. I got involved in this about a
25 year and a half ago when I started hearing alot of the

1 different gaming companies' proposals. And as a concerned
2 citizen, as a parent, is why I'm here to speak to you
3 today.

4 The entire infrastructure of Lawrenceburg is
5 incapable of handling the traffic generated from gambling.
6 In particular, the streets of our city. This is basically
7 what Mr. McLaughlin already said and I'm not going to bore
8 you with numbers and stuff, because every street is like
9 Walnut Street coming off of 50. The entire streets of our
10 innercity are too narrow and too short to absorb this
11 traffic. This biproduct of gaming is a threat to the
12 security of all that live, work or play in the region.

13 Much talk in District 1 is centered around this
14 threat to our security and the possible threat of usage of
15 eminent domain and particularly those owning property in
16 and around Canal Street. Opposition to use of eminent
17 domain for gaming has come from District 1 citizens to
18 state leaders and members from all walks of life.
19 Throughout the course of the last year and a half ordinary
20 citizens, business, local and state leaders,
21 environmentalists, have left with one distinctive message.
22 This message is, prevent the negative impact of riverboat
23 gambling with as little disruption to daily life.

24 I ask you, as others have and will, to give
25 strong consideration to the concerns of the community in

1 your selection of a company. As a final point of
2 Lawrenceburg's inadequate infrastructure is the gaming
3 commission's decision to hold the hearings elsewhere. We
4 cannot provide a location for the hearings or accomodation
5 for those seeking to attend. I ask you, if we cannot
6 accomodate five hundred, six hundred people for a day, how
7 can we accomodate one to two million people per year inside
8 of six months? It is my contention that had the voters of
9 Dearborn County been more informed prior to the passage of
10 riverboat gambling that it would be defeated and, if given
11 another vote, they would reverse this present course.

12 I also have some petitions that I took up and
13 letters from state leaders from last year.

14 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Are those copies or is
15 there just one - -

16 DENNIS R. GOODWIN: Those are all the originals.

17 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay. Is that for the
18 - -

19 DENNIS R. GOODWIN: This is for the Commission.

20 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: That would be filed
21 with the staff. That would be great. That will
22 be in our permanent record then. Okay. Are
23 there any questions of this gentleman? Okay.
24 Thank you very much and we will now take a
25 fifteen minute break.

1 (A break was taken)

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Now we're going to
3 continue on with - - let's see - - okay. This
4 is more Dearborn County information, so Robert
5 Wood is our next speaker.

6 ROBERT WOOD: Right here. Should I say good
7 afternoon or good evening to everyone? We'll approach a
8 subject that has been - - has or hasn't been belabored
9 extensively. I'm Bob Wood. I'm on the Lawrenceburg
10 Community School Corporation. I live in Lawrenceburg, born
11 and raised there, out of town a few years. I live at 1262
12 Oberting Road. That's out in the, uh - - in the
13 township. Probably within the year it will become a part
14 of Greendale.

15 (Laughter)

16 Scary, isn't it? Scary, isn't it? I can't help
17 it, I just live there. Built a house in the old orchard.
18 Anyway, one of the major concerns with our school
19 corporation is the traffic problem on Highway 50. Have you
20 heard of that? But, uh, we have - - we've had - - and
21 it is going to continue to escalate whether we get
22 riverboat gambling into the community - - and we hope we
23 do. We've had three - - three bus accidents on that - -
24 right in front of the school, going in and out, in the past
25 four years. Fortunately, we haven't had any children

1 injured severely. We have, however, had one bus driver
2 who's still on disability after two and a half years. And
3 all three of our schools are adjacent or border highway 50
4 and that - - that is one of the major problems we've had
5 and we know that the - - we're not really divorcing or
6 endorsing any one of the eight or nine gambling - - gaming
7 companies that are seeking a license. Our primary concern
8 is for the safety of the children and the patrons, parents,
9 those driving, riding, walking, whatever it is, back and
10 forth to those school facilities. The two main exits,
11 which one crosses at the Arch Street exit and the other one
12 at Walnut Street, both streets that were recently mentioned
13 to you that can't handle an undue amount of traffic and we
14 have problems with those now and that's where two of the
15 accident - - three of the accident that we've had were
16 there. Now, we know we could support and have considered
17 the fact that if you were to - - to license a gaming
18 operation on the east end of Lawrenceburg, it certainly
19 would eliminate alot of the traffic that flows on through
20 town and creates alot of the problems that you've been
21 hearing about, but we've got alot of those problems right
22 now. If you, if we or a number of people were to support
23 that concept I think it might preclude you, the Commission,
24 from really endorsing the most qualified gaming operation
25 that would best serve the interests and the needs and the

1 goals of the county and all of the citizens in southeastern
2 Indiana. Equally important as location, I think, is
3 selecting a corporation with a positive history of being a
4 good corporate citizen within the area that they work in.

5 I've heard location mentioned here and it seems
6 to be a very important aspect of you granting a license and
7 it caused me to think of a question. Perhaps it was
8 briefly answered or I surmised that maybe the answer was
9 there and that had to do with, uh - - it seems like all
10 of the gaming companies have staked out a prime location or
11 a location from which they wish to operate. Now, when you
12 make your selection, is the gaming company married to the
13 location that they've originally talked about or the one
14 that they have in propose now or are they going to have the
15 opportunity to take option to some of the other locations
16 that might be better suited to the location of riverboat
17 gaming companies operation in Dearborn County. Now, that's
18 perhaps a question - - maybe you already have the answer.
19 If not, you might be wanting to get to that and give us an
20 answer on that.

21 I think it's going to, uh - - I'd emphasize,
22 again, the traffic, which you've heard about, the safety of
23 our - - of our patrons and students in southeastern - -
24 or in our school corporation - -

25 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Excuse me. You're

1 going to have to tie this all together here.

2 ROBERT WOOD: Okay.

3 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you.

4 ROBERT WOOD: Well, I think what it's going to
5 amount to - and maybe we've alluded to the fact - - that
6 you people have been asked to iron out alot of problems
7 that we have locally, it sounded like to me. And
8 obviously, you're a very important group of people with
9 alot of authority in Indianapolis and, uh, perhaps we just
10 need to come right out and ask you to help solve these
11 problems by working together with INDOT and the gaming
12 company that you select to best serve the needs in our area
13 to help us accomplish some of the problems that we have and
14 make this riverboat gaming experience and industry a
15 profitable and beneficial to the entire area.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you.

17 ROBERT WOOD: Thank you.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay. Perhaps it
19 would be - - you know, to the brunt of the
20 subject, maybe it would be, in addition to
21 hearing from some of the other people we hear
22 from, that maybe we should hear from INDOT during
23 our hearings.

24 JACK THAR: That's been discussed with INDOT.

25 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay. Yeah, that would

1 be great.

2 ROBERT WOOD: If you have any questions or
3 anything that you wish to ask, I'll be available
4 tomorrow in Lawrenceburg.

5 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Jack has a question
6 for your right now.

7 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: I'd asked an earlier
8 gentleman whether or not, so I would like to ask
9 you the same question: has any applicant for the
10 City of Lawrenceburg or the City of Lawrenceburg
11 or the county proposed any revenue sharing with
12 the school?

13 ROBERT WOOD: Not directly with the schools. I
14 brought that subject up, because I thought of the
15 impact that it might have upon school buildings
16 accomodating new students coming into - - into
17 the area. And I think there will be an affect
18 on all of our area schools. The figures that Mr.
19 Tremain mentioned are a little bit high. We
20 could probably accomodate a couple of hundred
21 students and not the four or five that he
22 mentioned, I believe. Uh, and as far as sharing
23 revenues, offering programs for training, the
24 school systems in the county are certainly
25 capable of into their day and night programs

1 working these kinds of resources and making those
2 available for trained personnel.

3 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Let me take this a step
4 further.

5 ROBERT WOOD: Go ahead.

6 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: It's my understanding
7 that as the amount of money to Lawrenceburg and
8 then also to the county could be generated by one
9 of these boats and if it's highly successful
10 could be very high. But first of all, there's no
11 - - nothing within the distribution plan put
12 forward in the statute that calls for sharing the
13 revenue with any school system. Secondly, that
14 revenue could adversely impact the amount of
15 money paid by the state to that particular school
16 system when put into the formula.

17 ROBERT WOOD: To my knowledge, there has been no
18 - - no offers of sharing that, other than a
19 general reduction of property taxes and the
20 amount of property tax that that boat or that
21 operation would generate.

22 JACK THAR: I would suggest you think about that,
23 because if it, in fact, reduces the property tax
24 and you get a reduction in revenue from the
25 state, you're in worse shape after the boat than

1 you were before the boat with more students.

2 ROBERT WOOD: That's a possibility. We - - We
3 have discussed that with - - at least we brought
4 up the subject in some of the earlier hearings.

5 JACK THAR: But it's not been resolved and
6 neither the city nor any applicant has said that
7 they would pump money into the school system.

8 ROBERT WOOD: To my knowledge none of that has
9 come into fruition.

10 JACK THAR: Okay, thanks.

11 ROBERT WOOD: Thank you.

12 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.
13 If there's nothing else, we'll move on to Allan
14 Cornelius.

15 ALLAN CORNELIUS: Good afternoon. My name is
16 Allan Cornelius. I'm a resident of Greendale and a
17 property owner in both Greendale and Lawrenceburg. I've
18 been chosen to speak on behalf of the Board of Directors of
19 Historic Lawrenceburg Foundation.

20 Historic Lawrenceburg Foundation is a registered
21 not-for-profit corporation in Indiana dedicated to the
22 preservation, promotion and revitalization of Indiana's
23 fourth oldest town. Our members work closely with History
24 Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and the City of
25 Lawrenceburg's Board of Architectural Review. Together we

1 protect four hundred and forty buildings that are over one
2 hundred years old and are an important reminder of
3 Indiana's first period of settlements and economic
4 growth. Mills, stagecoach taverns and hotels are a few
5 examples of buildings that have been in continuous use for
6 a century and a half. Given their extreme age, many are in
7 rundown condition, but underneath the layers of alterations
8 is the little frontier town that attracted people almost
9 two centuries ago. We consider this collection of
10 buildings one of our state's irreplaceable historic
11 resources. Like all resources, this one needs investment.

12 The casino boats will draw tens of thousands of
13 travellers to Southeastern Indiana. Our task is to attract
14 some of those travellers into our downtown to visit, eat
15 and shop. If some capital was made available to start a
16 facade restoration or other preservation program, private
17 investors would observe the improvements and follow the
18 lead. Our architecture could be the basis for a sound
19 tourist economy, in addition to the casino economy.

20 Tourism is the third largest industry in the
21 United States. Last year travellers spent four hundred and
22 sixteen billion dollars in the United States. This, in
23 turn, generated fifty-six billion dollars for local, state
24 and federal governments. 4.4 billion tourist related
25 dollars were spent in Indiana last year. The Indiana

1 Department of Commerce, from whom I obtained these figures,
2 predicts travel will be up five percent next year. The
3 benefits of tourism have long been recognized in Madison.
4 Each of the rivertowns, Vevay, Rising Sun, Aurora and
5 Lawrenceburg, share a collective interest in developing
6 tourist destinations, and I do want to include Greendale,
7 too. There's a very historic, beautiful street and I live
8 on it. The proposed Ohio River Scenic Route would actually
9 tie all of these communities together.

10 Which gaming company you select will have
11 enormous long range consequences for our community. We
12 want it all. We want the boat, but away from our historic
13 core, and we want economic assistance in helping to restore
14 and develop our town. We ask that you choose a company
15 whose location does not gridlock our town and one that
16 proposes to offer the assistance we are asking for.

17 In the last year our group has looked at every
18 company's proposal and two companies stand far above the
19 others in showing concern for our history and the future of
20 our economy beyond the immediate interests of the boat. It
21 is no surprise that both of these companies have local
22 partners who live and work in our community and who
23 understand our small town Hoosier identity. They are, in
24 alphabetical order, Ameristar and Lady Luck. We are
25 comfortable with their locations east of Lawrenceburg and

1 we feel they will be excellent and generous corporate
2 neighbors. We hope you agree with our assessment.

3 In seven short years, Lawrenceburg will separate
4 it's bicentennial. Will there be anything left to
5 celebrate? The next chapter of our history is about to be
6 written and you, ladies and gentlemen, are holding the pen.
7 Will our one hundred and ninety-three year old identity be
8 nourished and promoted or will it be ignored? You are in
9 a position to decide. Thank you.

10 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.
11 Are there any questions? Okay. Susan Pinkard?
12 Oh, excuse me. There's one question. Excuse me.
13 Can you grab him? We do have a question for you.
14 I'm sorry.

15 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: Just quickly. I
16 notice that the next speaker is from the Historic
17 Lawrenceburg Business Association. Are you
18 people, uh, adjunct of each other or - -

19 ALLAN CORNELIUS: Well, we cooperate with each
20 other. I think it does go to show that we do
21 consider the historic character of our town as a
22 resource enough to use it both in our name and
23 they use it in their's, but we're two separate
24 organizations.

25 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: Have you concluded

1 about the same or have you arrived at different
2 conclusions?

3 ALLAN CORNELIUS: About the historic district?

4 ALAN KINEMAN: Yes.

5 ALLAN CORNELIUS: Well, the two companies that I
6 have mentioned are relative to our group only - -
7 and I'm not speaking for anyone else when I make
8 that recommendation.

9 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Let me ask a
10 question, because maybe you know the answer.
11 We're trying to - - I guess we're all trying to
12 get to is, uh, the city, apparently, of
13 Lawrenceburg is not going to - - I think the
14 mayor must be here - - he's going to speak?
15 Okay. You're going to speak later?

16 MAYOR COMBS: No.

17 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Well, it would seem
18 to me that, uh, you must have a longer list of
19 requirements as an organization. Are you
20 involved in those, making the city aware of what
21 your needs are?

22 ALLAN CORNELIUS: Yes, we - - Well, I'm not
23 sure which specific needs you're referring to,
24 but, uh - -

25 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Well, the way the

1 place is going to look whatever, you know. We,
2 uh - - We've been shopping around our ideas,
3 our particular group had, and we - - we work
4 very closely, as I said, with the Lawrenceburg
5 Board of Architectural Review and that was set up
6 by the city to help protect the buildings
7 downtown and have a review before demolition and
8 before significant changes are made. So I think
9 we're - - We're all - - It's a very small
10 town. We really are all working together in
11 Lawrenceburg.

12 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Okay, thanks.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you. Okay.
14 Susan Pinkard, then.

15 SUSAN PINKARD: Hi. I'm Susan Pinkard and I'm
16 from the Lawrenceburg Business Association, not to confuse
17 it with Allan's group, but I've come here on behalf of the
18 businesses in the community. I am a business owner in the
19 area of Lawrenceburg, as well as a resident of the
20 Greendale area. We feel it is vital that you people
21 address the issue of boat placement when making your
22 decision upon where and when in selecting of the agency or
23 the gaming concerns to be licensed. We feel it is very
24 important that, from many factors, one being, again, the
25 flow of traffic on U.S. 50 that boat placement does not

1 occur west on U.S. 50. Our prime location, we would
2 consider, for the survival of downtown, the traffic flow
3 pattern, as well as making sure our citizens and everyone
4 is taken care of, is placement east of Arch Street. We
5 would not want to see it on Walnut Street, based upon the
6 fact that traffic flow would cause major congestion to the
7 small businesses that are in existence.

8 We cannot survive on tourism alone. We need our
9 local population to continue to support our area. We also
10 feel that if U.S. 50 is bombarded with more traffic than it
11 has already, regardless of the addition of the fifth lane,
12 we will still have a congestion at the bridge area, which
13 is only going to be four lanes. That's not been addressed
14 yet. With that congestion, we have our emergency service
15 vehicles and that right at the entrance of that bridge, our
16 hospice facilities are across the bridge. If we need to
17 get someone across, it's going to create a nightmare for
18 us.

19 I think you need to really seriously consider
20 where we're going to put the boat, what's going to happen
21 with the citizens, the businesses and that in the area.
22 Gaming should have a positive effect on our city, our
23 businesses and our citizens, not a negative effect, and
24 we're here to support gaming, but we ask that you please,
25 please, consider where the boat goes and our best

1 recommendation is east of Arch Street. Thank you.

2 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: We have several
3 questions.

4 SUSAN PINKARD: Okay.

5 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Two questions, if I may.
6 If the Commission decides to put a boat in Rising
7 Sun, that's going to impact 50 on the west side.

8 SUSAN PINKARD: That's correct.

9 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Are you saying we
10 shouldn't consider that?

11 SUSAN PINKARD: We're saying that if studies show
12 that there's going to be a great impact on U.S.
13 50 through Lawrenceburg, yes, maybe, indeed, you
14 need not consider it, because it would cause a
15 great deal of stress on Lawrenceburg and Aurora.

16 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Secondly, what has been
17 the affect of the - - exercising options by
18 Golden Nugget?

19 SUSAN PINKARD: Right now they have not opened
20 their cards up to us. We have no idea what their
21 plans are.

22 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: (indiscernible) today?

23 SUSAN PINKARD: Today? Those buildings are
24 sitting empty. No one knows how to proceed with
25 the revitalization plan for downtown. We don't

1 know will those buildings be here or won't those
2 buildings be here. They are historic buildings.
3 We would like to see them remain. We'd like to
4 develop facade restoration and that down in that
5 area, create a public atmosphere down in there
6 along the river. Uh - -

7 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: How many businesses have
8 closed as a result of the exercising of those
9 options?

10 SUSAN PINKARD: People have been displaced. Mr.
11 Pagon, who I see here today, has been displaced.
12 Several businesses - - I would say - - There
13 are three that I can think of right this minute
14 have closed as a direct result. We don't want to
15 - - We don't want to lose anymore than we have
16 lost. We want to gain.

17 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: How many more businesses
18 have been told to vacate?

19 SUSAN PINKARD: There are twenty-one buildings
20 that are right now involved, with, I believe,
21 options on four or five more that are to be
22 exercised at the end of the month.

23 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: So eventually all those
24 buildings will become - -

25 SUSAN PINKARD: All those buildings would become

1 part of Golden Nugget or of their complex and if
2 that were to be the case, there are Media Six who
3 is here televising today, they would end up being
4 displaced. Many other agencies and attorneys and
5 that would be displaced along that street.

6 JACK THAR: Thank you.

7 DON VOWELS: Jack, I think for purposes of maybe
8 some of the other Commissioners, I had the
9 benefit yesterday of going to the sites with you.
10 About what you were just referring to, Golden
11 Nugget purchased a large portion of the downtown
12 area or in that historic area in Lawrenceburg and
13 they have, I assume, exercised that option and
14 they've literally evicted the tenants in there,
15 is that correct, with no indication about what
16 their intentions are, as far as use of those
17 buildings?

18 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, we all ought to remember
19 that they have - - that they have withdrawn as
20 an applicant. Yet even though they withdrew from
21 our process after we denied a change in
22 ownership, which happened either in March or - -
23 that they have gone ahead and exercised options
24 and have basically purchased this ground and I
25 guess no one knows what they're going to do with

1 it. I think that's what the Commission needs to
2 remember.

3 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Well, that is - - Ms.
4 Pinkard, the area you're talking about, about
5 downtown Lawrenceburg and the historic business
6 area is, in fact, the area impacted by the
7 exercise of those options, isn't it?

8 SUSAN PINKARD: That is part of the area impacted
9 greatly.

10 JACK THAR: We will see that tomorrow when we
11 take a look at the site.

12 SUSAN PINKARD: Okay.

13 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: Let me ask another
14 question. Mr. Thar had asked you if having the
15 property east of your community, you'd still have
16 traffic going to Rising Sun and maybe to Vevay
17 and you said, "Well, that might be a good reason
18 not to have them . . ." You really probably
19 meant to say that it would ease the traffic - -

20 SUSAN PINKARD: It would ease the congestion,
21 right. If they add to our congestion, that will
22 make - -

23 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: So if you had
24 your's on the east side, it would ease - -

25 SUSAN PINKARD: It would ease our congestion

1 tremendously, yes. As long as it's the east
2 side, we should have less trouble.

3 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Okay.

4 JACK THAR: One of the points, I think, the
5 Commission's gonna have to consider is just what
6 you were mentioning about is if the Commission
7 puts a boat in two of three counties, one of the
8 boats is gonna end up west of Lawrenceburg, so
9 the potential for traffic impact on Route 50 west
10 of Lawrenceburg is going to exist. We hope to
11 have that addressed by INDOT and some other
12 people at the June hearing when we hear from
13 governmental entities, but - -

14 ROBERT SUNDWICK: If - - You'd think that if
15 you gave boats in Vevay and Rising Sun, the
16 climate we had today, we would never get anything
17 solved trying to get anybody to drive through
18 Lawrenceburg, Greendale or Aurora. You'd be
19 picked up on every corner going through town.

20 (Laughter)

21 DON VOWELS: Yeah, but you've got to remember the
22 increase of revenue from the fine and costs.

23 (Laughter)

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay. Uh, our next -
25 - we have one of two, either Douglas Denmure or

1 William Bartlett speaking next.

2 DOUGLAS DENMURE: Good afternoon, Commission and
3 Staff Members. I am Doug Denmure, Attorney from Aurora,
4 Indiana, and I, along with Cincinnati attorney, William
5 Bartlett, are here on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Robert
6 Whitacre. The Whitacres own possibly thirty-eight acres of
7 unimproved real estate immediately adjacent to the
8 Lawrenceburg Conservancy District on the easterly side - -
9 upriver side of the Lawrenceburg Conservancy District
10 property. I believe the Commission members have before
11 them a color coded picture, a plat, of the area in
12 question.

13 The main concern that the Whitacres and other
14 surrounding landowners in a similar position to them have
15 is a reference to the only one public roadway, which
16 provides them accessibility to their land and that roadway
17 is color coded in sort of an aqua green. You'll probably
18 see this roadway tomorrow. Okay. It's this - - this one
19 here. That roadway comes off of Center Street, which is a
20 city street in Lawrenceburg and eventually it goes to the
21 old Pierson-Hollowell property, which, we understand, has
22 since been purchased by one of the companies. And it's the
23 concern of the Whitacre's and the other landowners in this
24 area that that roadway could be cut off causing a landlock
25 situation. That goes on down to the bottom ground and over

1 toward the I-275 bridge. But that's the only road that the
2 Whitacres and the tenant farmers in that area have to get
3 in and out to take care of their property. Also along that
4 roadway are easements, including the utility easements that
5 run the lines over for lighting the Interstate 275 bridge,
6 so it's the concern of the Whitacres and landowners that
7 that roadway is not interfered with. It adversely affects
8 their accessibility to their land. Also, this roadway
9 does go over the Lawrenceburg levee on the easterly side
10 and it's a concern of the landowners that the, uh, any
11 development that might be in that area does not have an
12 adverse impact on the operation of the levee and this
13 number two flood wall that you'll see tomorrow. Also,
14 there have been some proposals that would indicate that
15 there could be a change in the water and/or land elevations
16 that could affect the land in the bottom ground and none of
17 the landowners want to see that happen. And also, on the
18 color coded chart in purple is the current Lawrenceburg
19 Conservancy District ditch. It's a drainage ditch that
20 runs down all the way from the fairground and under the
21 railroad and out into the river. And I think some
22 drawings and pictorial reviews I've seen indicate that that
23 drainage ditch would be shifted or moved and would go
24 adjacent to the Whitacre property and the other landowners
25 and that - - that could have an adverse affect, as far as

1 flooding and matters of that nature.

2 Lastly, I wanted to mention and I pointed it out
3 in the letter that's on the agenda . . . (indiscernible)

4 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: You point out about
5 the Conservancy District, that they don't have
6 the statutory authority to, uh, do anything
7 except maintain and improve flood prevention,
8 etcetera.

9 DOUGLAS DENMURE: The purpose for my research
10 indicates, for which the conservancy district was
11 created and that was the spinoff of the old
12 Lawrenceburg flood control district.

13 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: Okay. You're raising
14 that as a legal point or are you raising that as
15 an indication that if, uh - - talking about
16 cutting off your client's access, that this is
17 the legal basis under which you would proceed or
18 are you just - -

19 DOUGLAS DENMURE: I'm just raising this as a
20 point, in general, yes, sir. And I'm not going
21 to interpret the statute for you, other than to
22 point it out for your own review. I think it's
23 a concern, not just to the bottom ground
24 landowners there in the horseshoe bottoms, but
25 for all developers who wish to develop the

1 conservancy district property. I think there's
2 been misunderstanding that the conservancy
3 district is tantamount to the city property, but
4 by statute I don't think that's the case and the
5 purpose for which the conservancy district was
6 established, as pointed out. State Conservancy
7 District of Indiana was that it's purpose was for
8 flood prevention and control.

9 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: So that's separate
10 from the access problem?

11 DOUGLAS DENMURE: That's right.

12 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: Okay. Now, let's get
13 back to the access problem. The access problem
14 is something that you have not discovered the
15 facts on? I mean, you don't know whether it's
16 going to be cut or whether it's not going to be
17 cut or is it going to be cut? What - -

18 DOUGLAS DENMURE: Sir, what really precipitated
19 this originally was that after this land had been
20 purchased, several representatives of the, uh,
21 purchasing company were approached as to what was
22 going to happen to this roadway and the answer
23 was given, the roadway is no concern of our's.
24 That quickly became a concern to my clients and
25 others.

1 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: And you have never
2 been able to ascertain whether or not they were
3 going to leave that access open or provide other
4 access satisfactory to your client?

5 DOUGLAS DENMURE: At this point, my understanding
6 is in a landlock situation that if there's only
7 one public roadway in and out to provide
8 accessibility that that cannot be replaced by a
9 substitute roadway, unless all affected
10 landowners really consent and agree. That may be
11 a possibility, but I cannot say on behalf of all
12 landowners what their preferences are now. But
13 if that's right in the middle of a hotel, I don't
14 think farm equipment and chemicals and so forth
15 would be appropriate for that area.

16 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: Well, it certainly
17 would be nice if between now and particularly
18 June, when we do, in fact, hear the presentations
19 from the developers, that this problem had been
20 put aside and, uh, solved. I presume - - I
21 would like that if by, say, June 10th or
22 something, you - - if this problem has not been
23 solved, I would suggest that you advise the
24 Commission in writing.

25 DOUGLAS DENMURE: There was one meeting, I

1 believe a week ago, where representatives of one
2 of the companies met with several of the
3 landowners, but I don't think a complete
4 resolution was made. I think it was a good faith
5 effort on both parties' parts. But it is a
6 matter that needs to be resolved and I,
7 personally, would have thought it would have been
8 cleared out before land was ever purchased, but -
9 -

10 ALAN KINEMAN: Well, I've given somewhat of a
11 deadline pretty far in advance. I'll shorten it
12 up to the first of June, if you'd like me to.
13 Let's make it by the first of June.

14 DOUGLAS DENMURE: Alright.

15 ALAN KINEMAN: Advise the Commission if this
16 problem still exists, one way or the other, by
17 the first of June.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Well, and this isn't
19 just a deadline on his part, this is a deadline
20 on all parties.

21 ALAN KINEMAN: Obviously.

22 QUESTION BY VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Now, this
23 would be that eastern location that they're
24 talking about, that some of the business owners
25 preferred? Would this be the east end of town?

1 DOUGLAS DENMURE: This is really outside the
2 flood wall district. This is not - - You cannot
3 see the downtown area from this particular land.

4 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Oh, okay.

5 QUESTION BY ALAN KINEMAN: But it is east of
6 Lawrenceburg?

7 DOUGLAS DENMURE: Yes, it is east upriverside.
8 Yes, sir.

9 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay. Thank you very
10 much. Okay. Wayne Haun? It would be your turn.
11 Go ahead.

12 WAYNE HAUN: I remember reading an article when
13 the Gaming Commission was about to be formed and it said
14 that part of your procedure in making decisions would not
15 be based simply on what location might bring in the most
16 revenue, but also you would be looking into consideration
17 of factors like how eager a community may be to have a
18 riverboat and it might be good if communities really wanted
19 one it would be presented with a license. Also, uh, there
20 were - - it was said that you would also really like to
21 look at the impact that a boat would have on any given
22 community to help make the decision, as well. And it is
23 for that reason that I want to urge you today to consider
24 to - - to consider in all that you hear these very
25 important factors as well.

1 The lobbying efforts to have a riverboat voted in
2 that gambling was voted into Dearborn County were heavy - -
3 were weighed very heavily. Gambling companies that came in
4 before the referendum election and gave money to school
5 groups and civic groups for different things. They gave
6 three thousand dollars for a peewee football league score
7 board, five thousand dollars to help restore the Guilford
8 Covered Bridge, forty thousand dollars to pay for a new
9 city employee position of Economic Development Coordinator,
10 twelve thousand dollars to Citizens for Economic
11 Development program and organization. Riverboat gambling
12 was promoted very heavily among employees of the county.

13 During the campaign it was said that the
14 unemployment rate in Dearborn County was nine percent, when
15 that employment rate, after February of 1993, was no higher
16 than 7.9 and at the time of the election was 4.4. We were
17 told in an article in a local paper that the least amount -
18 - the least paying job that a person would get on a
19 riverboat was twenty thousand dollars a year, but yet a
20 salary forecast that was provided to me by one of the
21 gambling companies, there was only three positions that
22 guaranteed a salary of over twenty thousand dollars a year.

23 With all of this - - all that went on to try to
24 convince the people of the county that they were our
25 friends and that all this to do for us, yet in Dearborn

1 County the vote only passed by two hundred thirty-five
2 votes, less than two percent.

3 So, I would want to encourage you to - - in
4 whatever way that you can to look how receptive the total
5 county may be for a riverboat license. I also would like
6 for you to consider the change that would take place within
7 the community. It is a small town, as you already have
8 heard. There - - you know, everything is kind of put
9 together with no real dividing lines. And other areas that
10 - - that I've read about and things, it seems to be a very
11 real possibility that when you have a location that you
12 cannot put a boat out somewhere away and the residents
13 would not be impacted by it because of proximity, that a
14 change does take place in small communities like that.
15 It's not - - You can't put it in one corner of a town and
16 then we not know that it is there. We already are seeing
17 efforts to keep billboards from going up all along the
18 highway to, uh, you know, so that it won't look like
19 billboard city. You've already mentioned that Golden
20 Nugget has bought up options on alot of the property on
21 High Street and they're not even in the running for the
22 license. There are articles and things that have been
23 written in other places that have shown that in small towns
24 alot of the businesses do not have anything to do directly
25 with the riverboat company, some of them do close up. The

1 Indianapolis Star in January 29th of '95, in an article
2 entitled, Casinos Deal Ficklehanded (indiscernible)
3 Mississippi Town, talking about the highly touted Tunica
4 and the gist of the article was that jobs are secured by
5 the people, but also land prices go up and homes are taken
6 that are needed for their development.

7 A local Habitat for Humanity group in our area
8 that has just formed has a family in place for a home that
9 is to be built and they were wanting to find a place in
10 Lawrenceburg and because of land speculations, they have
11 not been able to find a place where they had first been
12 looking. We have people already concerned about losing
13 their homes and so I was just told that you would be able
14 to look at issues and find issues such as this in the
15 decision that you have been asked to make on which county
16 would receive a boat, first off, as well as afterwards, who
17 would get the boat, as well. Thank you.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.

19 Okay. Betsey McKee?

20 BETSEY MCKEE: My name is Betsey McKee. I'm a
21 lifelong resident of Aurora, Indiana. Last week we watched
22 in horror the aftermath of the bombing of the federal
23 building in Oklahoma City. We saw heroes emerge as they
24 faced life threatening conditions to save those trapped in
25 the rubble. In the midst of all the death and despair,

1 Oklahoma City and the rest of the nation focused not on the
2 demolished building, but instead on what is important, the
3 community, the people.

4 A community is made up of people, not structures.
5 The decisions that are made should always put the lives of
6 the people first. That should be the focus if the
7 licensing of a riverboat casino is considered for Dearborn
8 County or Ohio or Switzerland.

9 The facts are coming in loud and clear from other
10 areas with casinos, including riverboats. Gulfport,
11 Mississippi, Shreveport, Louisiana, Boloxi, Mississippi,
12 New Orleans, Louisiana, Fort Madison, Iowa, Central City,
13 Colorado, Deadwood, South Dakota, Alton, Illinois. Crime
14 and social and economic costs far outweigh any revenues
15 that are received from gambling. The Florida State Report,
16 Casinos in Florida and Analysis of the Economic and Social
17 Impact, which includes riverboat casinos states that in
18 Florida annual projected state tax revenues related to
19 casinos are sufficient to address only eight to thirteen
20 percent of annual minimum projected costs related to
21 casinos. It also says, It appears that casino costs
22 significantly outweigh the benefits of legalization; the
23 stakes are high and the payoff low.

24 The negative impact of a riverboat casino in our
25 community will ruin lives. When we look at statistics, we

1 are looking at the lives of other people. According to
2 those statistics and the patterns that have been
3 established in other areas, those people will be us.
4 Traffic gridlock and already heavily congested and semi-
5 truck laden U.S. 50 will add time to commuter trips and
6 deprive families of time together, time that is already
7 nearly non-existent because of long work hours and shift
8 work. At a time when children need their parents more than
9 ever, this would be tragic. Intoxicated persons will
10 stumble from the casino into their cars to drive on U.S.
11 50, killing and injuring themselves and others. Vehicular
12 overload on the most dangerous stretch of highway in
13 Indiana will cause more deaths and injuries to someone we
14 know. Increased crime of all kinds will touch our lives
15 creating fear and insecurity. Robbers will break into our
16 homes and destroy our piece of mind. Rapists will attack
17 those we love, parking lots will be invitations to steal
18 our cars or assault and rob us. Desperate victims of
19 gambling will commit suicide. Men will beat their wives
20 more than ever. Our children will be molested. That is
21 what is happening in areas with riverboat casinos as crime
22 has soared. The retiree and the low income person next-
23 door will spend their necessity money on gambling.

24 According to Robert Goodman in a 1994 U.S.
25 gambling study, poor and working people spend a

1 disproportionate share of their incomes on gambling. As a
2 result, state gambling revenues come disproportionately
3 from low income residents causing a regressive form of
4 taxation. Harris' Survey of U.S. Casino Entertainment says
5 retirees account for thirty-four percent of all casino
6 gamblers who visit casinos more than four times each year.

7 Our favorite restaurants and clothing stores or
8 auto dealerships will close as people spend their money at
9 the casino instead. Theaters and bowling alleys will be
10 nearly empty. Our employees will embezzle. Our customers
11 will write bad checks and file bankruptcy. People we know
12 will become addicted to gambling. Their children,
13 according to a California study, will gamble at an early
14 age in childhood, use more tobacco, alcohol and illicit
15 drugs and perform poorly in school. They will be more
16 insecure, unhappy with life and themselves, and attempt
17 suicide at twice the rate of classmates. More of them than
18 others will know the pain of separation, divorce, domestic
19 violence and death of a parent before the age of fifteen.
20 We, the people, will suffer, both gambler and non-gambler.
21 We will carry the burden of higher taxes to pay for the
22 increase in gambling costs which stand to report of gaming
23 and wagering business status from rising demands on tax
24 supported services, such as transportation, water and
25 police, to pathological gambling behavior. That will be in

1 addition to tax increases being discussed by county
2 government and a new state property assessment this year.
3 Peoples lives are at stake here, lives which will be ruined
4 or completely destroyed by a riverboat casino. It will not
5 be someone else's statistics. It will be us, our friends,
6 our neighbors, our families, our children. Other secure
7 business now coming into our area will provide long term
8 permanent jobs without the critical problems that a
9 riverboat casino would bring. Fancy walkways, restored
10 buildings and relocated state of the art sewage treatments
11 are not even needed - -

12 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: You'll need to tie
13 this up now.

14 BETSEY MCKEE: I will. - - and if they were,
15 there are other ways to obtain funds for them that will not
16 bring loss to the people.

17 I'm asking you, please do not grant a license to
18 Dearborn County for a riverboat casino. If you do, you
19 will have forgotten what Oklahoma City taught us, that
20 people's lives come first.

21 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you very much.
22 Any questions? We have one more in this set.
23 Thank you very much. Aug Ries?

24 AUG RIES: Good afternoon. If it makes you feel
25 any better, I'm number fifty-four out of sixty-four, so

1 we're getting close to the end.

2 (Laughter)

3 ALAN KINEMAN: We hadn't even noticed.

4 AUG RIES: Number one, this is Miss Joan Scott.
5 She's with our committee, also. Thank you for the
6 opportunity to address this committee. My name is Aug
7 Ries. I'm a spokesman for the Southeastern Indiana Public
8 Safety Committee. The history, just real fast - - the
9 history of our group is, about thirteen years ago we were
10 formed to stop the reconstruction and redecking of the
11 Hogan Creek Bridge, which is one of three creeks that we
12 content with in this six plus miles of Route 50. At that
13 time, working with the state highway director, we were able
14 to stop the decking of the bridge, we were promised a fifth
15 lane and he gave us time to open the historic bridge on
16 George Street, which took about seven years. So as a
17 result of our initial effort, we were able to open the
18 George Street Bridge, a historic 1887 wrought iron bridge
19 and also when the Hogan Creek redecking started, it was
20 five lanes and there was a minimum traffic holdup.
21 Currently we're actively working to perhaps move the Wal-
22 Mart Superstore, which would be three to four thousand more
23 cars per day toward Greendale, Hardintown area, because of
24 the traffic problems we have.

25 I personally have a supermarket on U.S. 50 in

1 Aurora. I've had it for seventeen years, so I feel that
2 I'm well atuned to traffic problems and also especially in
3 that business. I have a farm I live on in Dillsboro, which
4 is, there again, west of Lawrenceburg, and I'm restoring a
5 historic house in Lawrenceburg for an office.

6 Dearborn County is a unique area. Most people
7 that come here from Indianapolis and that area can't
8 believe, number one, the hills and the scenic beauty of the
9 area, but with that unique area comes some real problems.
10 Number one, we only have two major east/west roads in the
11 county. One is I-74, which is far north, which isn't used
12 by area people here, and one, of course, is the road we've
13 discussed all day, which is U.S. 50. Because of the hills
14 and the three creeks and the bridges concerned, traffic has
15 become a real problem. Dearborn County, itself, is the
16 second fastest growing county in the state, because of it's
17 proximity to Cincinnati and people moving out of the city.
18 But we have a major problem and that is gridlock on U.S.
19 50. It's not gridlocked yet, but as you can see in the
20 first illustration, that's the - - that's our present
21 problem and we have at one point on U.S. 50, we have
22 thirty-three thousand car daily town. People come out here
23 and they say, "Where's everyone going?" Well, it's the
24 only east/west road in the county. So now we're going to
25 propose to put gambling on that and I - - we're - - our

1 group is not opposed to gambling at all. What we're
2 opposed to is gridlock. The future, we feel, of all people
3 living west of Lawrenceburg, because Lawrenceburg is a
4 bottleneck and it's almost insurmountable, the highway - -
5 the quick highway fix problem, if you'll notice the lane
6 widths, even through Lawrenceburg, they had to cut the lane
7 widths from whatever their minimum was, they had to cut it
8 down just to have some sidewalk left.

9 What we're proposing is that all sites that you
10 consider would be east of Lawrenceburg, so we don't have
11 this gridlock. I also sell real estate and at time we have
12 people come out there and they come between four and six
13 o'clock and they turn around and go right back, because
14 they're not moving from Cincinnati to populate Dearborn
15 County to sit in traffic in the country and that's a real
16 problem. I think we've discussed a Greendale connector
17 which is at least five years away, which would alleviate
18 some of the problems.

19 There's several proposals. I've went to all the
20 meetings. I listened to all the presentations and there
21 were some proposals that sounded very favorably. Number
22 one is Lady Luck. I don't want to mention companies, but
23 just for point of specifics, which proposed that traffic
24 would come off the I-275 connector, turn right and park and
25 take a train to Lawrenceburg. That would put pedestrians

1 in the small town of Lawrenceburg, not cars and buses, and
2 I think that's a very worthwhile proposal. There's
3 history for this. At one time the City of Aurora and
4 Lawrenceburg had an inner-urban and until 1929 you could
5 get on the inner-urban and go to Cincinnati for a dime or
6 whatever it was. I feel with the emphasis now on light
7 rail as a means to transport people, that this could become
8 a reality from Cincinnati where people would stop in
9 Cincinnati, if they wish to go gambling, they would take
10 light rail to Lawrenceburg or perhaps light rail from
11 Indianapolis or any of the major cities. This is very
12 feasible.

13 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Okay, now, we're - -
14 your time is up.

15 AUG RIES: Okay.

16 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Can you tie it up?

17 AUG RIES: Okay.

18 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Go ahead.

19 AUG RIES: There's other excellent proposals,
20 Ameristar, Argosy, their local stockholders aware of our
21 plans. I would also suggest you have only companies that
22 have non-compete clauses in their proposal and I wish to
23 thank you very much for your attention and time.

24 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you so much.

25 Any questions from anybody? Uh, okay, we've come

1 to the end of the Dearborn County presentations.
2 I don't want to take a full break, but maybe we
3 just would like to stretch for a minute or two.
4 How about just a couple minutes to stretch and
5 get a drink of water and then - - but this is
6 only like two minutes. Five minutes, okay.

7 (A break was taken)

8 VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: At this time, I'm
9 giving up my reign as chairman and I pass the
10 gavel back to you, Alan.

11 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: A very successful reign.
12 Thank you Madam Vice-Chairman. I guess I just
13 wanted to first, since we have come to the end of
14 the Dearborn County presentation, the rest of the
15 people who are going to speak to us, I think,
16 have other involvements, basically, other than
17 direct county involvement, so we've put them in
18 the other category, so to speak. So I want to
19 take this opportunity to thank the people from
20 Dearborn County for having come here today. I
21 know it was not as convenient as it would have
22 been if we were in Dearborn County, but maybe the
23 way things worked out, it's better that we held
24 it on neutral ground, so to speak.

25 (Laughter)

1 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: But, anyway, I do appreciate
2 the people from Dearborn County coming down here.
3 I think we were obviously alot more accessible to
4 you than we would have been if we'd stayed in
5 Indianapolis, so I appreciate you coming. And
6 I'm not President Jimmy Carter, nor do I have any
7 experience in getting people together so that
8 problems get solved, but these would be the
9 problem between the three entities in Dearborn
10 County, one would think that cool heads could get
11 together and solve all of the problems so that -
12 - Development is going to happen and, with all
13 due respect to those people who indicate very
14 legitimate concerns about what might happen if
15 riverboat licensing continues and operations do
16 commence, they have legitimate concerns, but our
17 charge on behalf of the legislature and on behalf
18 of the vote that was held in each one of the
19 counties is to go ahead and license somebody, so
20 we do feel that licensing is going to happen and
21 if licensing happens you are going to have an
22 operator and it would be very, very beneficial,
23 both to the Commission and long term to the
24 citizens in Dearborn County, in my opinion, at
25 least, if you people could get together and

1 jointly work out a program so that everyone feels
2 included and no one is excluded. And so towards
3 that end, between now and the time we again
4 revisit Dearborn County, I would appreciate very
5 much if you people could try to get together so
6 we have some joint statement from the people in
7 Dearborn County as to what exactly they would
8 like in terms of the way we should end up, at
9 least according to your advice. So, does anybody
10 else have anything else?

11 ROBERT SUNDWICK: Yeah, I have a comment to make,
12 because I - - it seems to me that your vote in
13 your county said that I want to get married and
14 some of you are expecting us to not only pick
15 your bride, but to referee the family squabbles.
16 (Laughter)

17 ROBERT SUNDWICK: It makes no sense to me, to - -
18 to number one, if you haven't figured these
19 things out, I mean, you know, we're not trying to
20 do anything except the county voted and said, "We
21 wanted to get married", so I think that I would
22 echo Alan's sentiments and put it a little bit
23 differently, but, uh, it would seem to me that
24 that would make alot of sense. You know, we
25 don't want to pick anybody's wife and you're

1 going to have a marriage with whoever you get in
2 business with. So I would assume that alot of
3 these should be worked out, not only with your
4 sister communities, but your proposed bride.

5 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Anyone have anything else on
6 the Commission? If not, we will go into the last
7 part of our hearing, which is Fred Emley, the
8 publisher of Over Fifty Magazine, which is one
9 that appeals to me, personally.

10 (Laughter)

11 FRED EMLEY: Thank you. I think it appeals to
12 alot of us. I was gonna say, I am Fred Emley and I do
13 publish the magazine and I live in Dillsboro, Indiana.
14 It's my pleasure to be able to be here to speak to you this
15 afternoon.

16 And I am a senior citizen and I've been working
17 very closely with the seniors for the past five years with
18 this magazine and I feel with the very large senior
19 population that's available here in this area to patronize
20 these boats and the destination resorts, I strongly urge
21 the Commission to issue three gaming licenses for the three
22 counties, one for Dearborn, one for Ohio and one for
23 Switzerland. With three resorts and boats, the seniors
24 would spend more time at each location when they do come
25 here. It will increase their enjoyment and it will create

1 a desire to return. And with national advertising and
2 three destination resorts, we'll draw seniors from all over
3 the United States of America. With over two and a half
4 million senior citizens over the age of fifty living within
5 a hundred and fifty miles of this area, plus the unlimited
6 numbers of seniors nationwide, and all those under fifty,
7 there will be more than enough customers to support three
8 destination resorts and boats.

9 You heard alot about the roads today. I don't
10 care how bad the roads are, if the seniors want to come to
11 one of these destination resorts and a boat, they will find
12 a way to get here.

13 I'd also like to urge you to have these hearings
14 that are proposed for May and June to be held here in the
15 local three counties. These hearings will be very
16 exciting, informative and very interesting to the seniors.
17 They will also affect us all for the rest of our lives. If
18 these hearings are held in Indianapolis, it will severely
19 limit the seniors' ability to attend, so I ask you to have
20 the hearings here locally.

21 Thank you very much for the privilege of speaking
22 to you. Myself and alot of other senior citizens are
23 looking forward to the day when the boats will be
24 operating. Again, being a senior citizen, I would like to
25 remind you that time is of the utmost importance.

1 (Laughter)

2 FRED EMLEY: Thank you.

3 (Applause)

4 ANN BOCHNOWSKI: I have a question for you.

5 FRED EMLEY: Yes, ma'am?

6 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: When we first set
7 out to figure on how we were going to run this
8 mammoth operation down here - -

9 FRED EMLEY: Yes, ma'am.

10 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: You know, we talked
11 about that, that we really do like to hold
12 hearings in the location.

13 FRED EMLEY: Well, I - -

14 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: But the problem that
15 was presented to me when I mentioned this was
16 that there really isn't a good facility. We get
17 quite a crowd. Do you have a suggestion?

18 FRED EMLEY: No, I don't. I cannot offer any - -
19 The only place I know is the schools and I
20 understand the Commission doesn't want to go to
21 the schools, so

22 ANN BOCHNOWSKI: We really would prefer not to
23 have hearings on gaming in the schools.

24 FRED EMLEY: Well, other than that, I've got no
25 recommendation. It's just that - -

1 ANN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you.

2 FRED EMLEY: I thought I'd like to go on record
3 and just suggest that.

4 ANN BOCHNOWSKI: Well, it's a good idea.

5 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Well, the other point that I
6 would make is that, uh, the applicants who are
7 going to appear before us have really already
8 made, in a large part, local presentations when
9 they were - -

10 FRED EMLEY: Yeah, they were all - - they
11 were.

12 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: And they were here and people
13 could have seen it, so we don't feel that anyone
14 is going to be shut out of hearing what the
15 proposals are. There will be vast publicity.
16 There has already been alot of publicity.

17 FRED EMLEY: Yes, I understand that.

18 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: We depend upon you to bring
19 the word out.

20 FRED EMLEY: We will - - We got, uh - - By
21 the way - I'll get a little plug in here now -
22 if you've got a chance, right out here on the
23 counter you'll find some Over Fifty Magazines and
24 they are free.

25 (Laughter)

1 FRED EMLEY: And you don't have to be over fifty
2 to read them, just know somebody over fifty.

3 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: I'll see your fifty and raise
4 you fourteen.

5 (Laughter)

6 FRED EMLEY: I always introduce myself as Over
7 Fifty Fred, but I'm sworn to secrecy how much
8 older. Anything else?

9 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you very much. Kenneth
10 Copeland, President of the Ripley County
11 Commissioners.

12 KENNETH COPELAND: Good afternoon. I'm Kenneth
13 Copeland. I've served as Ripley County Commissioner for
14 the past twenty-two years. In that time, I've learned more
15 than I care to know about the difference between available
16 revenue and existing infrastructure needs in counties like
17 these in Southeast Indiana. That is one of the reasons I'm
18 here today.

19 About a year ago, representatives from Ohio
20 County, Rising Sun, came to us with an innovative and
21 foresighted plan to share the revenues of the riverboat
22 development. They explained their version of the - -
23 vision of the riverboat project would be a part of the
24 destination resort in Rising Sun and they walked us through
25 the steps that were taking to prepare for that development.

1 We were impressed with their vision, we're impressed with
2 their careful preparation and, it goes without saying,
3 we're impressed with their revenue sharing plan.

4 Rising Sun was the first to approach us with such
5 a plan and I've heard discussions of others that are out
6 there, but I like the way Rising Sun put their plan
7 together, because it offers multiple benefits for regional
8 development. First, Rising Sun will distribute a portion
9 of it's collected admission tax on a per capita basis to
10 fifteen area cities and towns and counties. That funding
11 comes with no strings attached and can be targeted as is
12 needed.

13 Project revenue sharing amounts by entities, if
14 you'd like, I'll read over that; if not, I won't read it.

15 ANN BOCHNOWSKI: You could submit it.

16 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Yeah, you can submit it and
17 we'll - -

18 KENNETH COPELAND: I'd be glad to. The second,
19 Rising Sun will contribute two million dollars towards a
20 regional development foundation. Note, if you will, that
21 two million dollar figure is based on two million visitors,
22 which is a conservative estimate on the local market, the
23 foundation consisting of a full-time director and a
24 representative board will consider grant applications for
25 specific projects submitted to the cities and towns and

1 counties in the area and will award funding that could be
2 used for the project or for local portions of matching
3 funds needed for those projects. Rising Sun will work to
4 form a four county regional economic alliance in order to
5 encourage riverboat businesses, suppliers to locate in the
6 area, therefore spreading the impact of the development.
7 In addition, Rising Sun and Ohio County will develop a
8 regional visitor and tourism bureau for the benefit of what
9 will be a fast growing new industry in the area.

10 As Commissioner of Ripley County, I can tell you
11 that this revenue sharing plan meets our needs on a number
12 of levels. Let me give you some examples. Ripley County
13 needs a new jail. Currently we're sending our overflow to
14 Lawrenceburg. And I might add, that probably won't be much
15 longer. But after a two year study, we had begun the
16 process of letting bids for a nine million dollar new jail
17 that would have met our needs for the next twenty years and
18 taxpayers remonstrated and stopped it cold.

19 The regional development foundation concept would
20 also be of great benefit right on the border of Ripley and
21 Dearborn Counties, Ohio and Switzerland, we border them
22 all. There is a tiny unincorporated town that desperately
23 needs a new sewer construction project, a fifty thousand
24 matching fund portion of that project would be a good
25 example of the development foundation's grants in action.

1 Rural counties don't have the business and
2 industry base to generate significant revenues for our
3 needs and like any other county we just seem to be getting
4 more responsibilities heaped on our shoulders without any
5 additional means of paying for them. The results are the
6 everincreasing burden on the increasing unhappy taxpayers.
7 Bear in mind, with or without the riverboat development and
8 the revenue it would contribute to southeastern Indiana,
9 our needs will continue to grow. We identified roads,
10 infrastructure repairs, emergency services, law enforcement
11 and modernization of governmental technology as among the
12 most urgent. The project in Rising Sun, in addition to
13 contributing to what promises to be a promising tourism
14 industry for southeastern Indiana, will provide revenue
15 opportunity that simply cannot be realized any other
16 foreseeable way.

17 I urge you to reward the diligence of planning
18 that has gone into the Rising Sun and Ohio County
19 preparation for this project. I urge you to share their
20 vision of cooperativity regional development. And I urge
21 you to put a riverboat in Ohio County. Thank you very
22 much.

23 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Any questions?

24 Yes, Mr. Thar?

25 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: I seem to have alot of

1 questions today. Mr. Copeland, other than Rising
2 Sun, has any other developers or communities
3 approached you with a revenue sharing proposal?

4 KENNETH COPELAND: Yes, sir, they have, and that
5 is Switzerland County. And, uh - -

6 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Have you executed an
7 agreement with Switzerland County?

8 KENNETH COPELAND: No, sir, we have not. No.

9 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Anyone else?

10 KENNETH COPELAND: Pardon?

11 QUESTION BY JACK THAR: Anybody else?

12 KENNETH COPELAND: No.

13 JACK THAR: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: That's all, I guess. Thank
15 you very much.

16 KENNETH COPELAND: I thank you very much.

17 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Gene Cofield? Good afternoon.

18 GENE COFIELD: Good afternoon and welcome to
19 Southeastern Indiana. I'm Gene Cofield. I'm employed at
20 People's Trust Company. I'm the president of the
21 Versailles Town Council and I've served on Town Council in
22 Versailles for the past ten years, lived in Versailles and
23 Ripley County for the last thirty-one years.

24 We're a little excited about the riverboat
25 project, also, as we know it's going to make a big affect

1 in Versailles and Ripley County, as well as all the
2 surrounding communities here in the local area. Riverboat
3 gaming, by itself, is going to make a major change in our
4 entire area and with the project that Ohio County and
5 Rising Sun's efforts to keep the vendors being local, I see
6 this project as being a major growth opportunity for
7 Southeastern Indiana. The increased traffic alone is going
8 to bring alot of business opportunities.

9 The key to all this is the revenue sharing. Ohio
10 County and Rising Sun project income to Versailles alone is
11 estimated, on the low side, a hundred and forty-nine
12 thousand to two hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars
13 and over half a million dollars just to Ripley County.

14 When the traffic comes and the business
15 opportunity starts, there will be - - then when the
16 problems come with housing shortages, utility needs, water
17 and sewage as the growth becomes, and growth is not cheap.
18 Road repairs and (indiscernible) sewage and water needs
19 become very expensive problems. The revenue sharing and
20 the regional development project will make it feasible for
21 us to govern and manage our local communities.

22 Rising Sun put together a project and they've
23 used their expertise, I think, in their plans to share with
24 all the surrounding communities, which make it a unique
25 opportunity for Southeastern Indiana with their outlook

1 looking beyond Rising Sun, Ohio County. They've looked at
2 the whole southeastern Indiana area. The regional
3 development program will make it possible for Versailles or
4 other communities to take advantage of some grants that may
5 be available and will be needed when the growth comes to
6 this area with matching funds that they can draw from
7 that's going to be made available through this project that
8 they're looking forward to help everyone in Southeastern
9 Indiana. They've showed no greed or want to keep
10 everything here, they're willing to share with everyone
11 around here and I think that's a key issue when you make a
12 decision on where the boats go is where it's going to go to
13 help everyone in the whole area.

14 Versailles don't stand alone in the support of
15 this project. I'm sure you've seen the letters from almost
16 every town in Ripley County. Switzerland County and
17 Dearborn County has wrote letters in favor of this project.
18 The Town of Versailles supports the project and we would
19 like you to support the Rising Sun project. A boat there,
20 I think, is not only for Rising Sun, it's for all
21 Southeastern Indiana. Thank you very much.

22 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Any questions?
23 Thank you. Wayne Jenner? Welcome, Mr. Jenner.

24 WAYNE JENNER: Good afternoon. My name is Wayne
25 Jenner. I live in Sunman and am a member of the town

1 council which represents eight hundred citizens of our
2 community. Now, you ask what's Sunman, Indiana, have to do
3 with any riverboats. We're not even close to a river.
4 We're approximately two miles south of I-74 and about
5 twenty-eight miles north of Rising Sun. I've lived in
6 Sunman for the past eighteen years and I have served on
7 that town council for the past twelve and I think I'm
8 looking forward to more service to the town as a council
9 member.

10 Well, just about a year ago, we were contacted by
11 the City of Rising Sun. They wanted to come talk to us
12 about a program they'd developed to generate some revenue
13 that would benefit our community. Well, I gotta admit that
14 my impression at first was, "This sounds too good to be
15 true". But I was glad to take the time and go hear their
16 plan, even though the idea of dollars for Sunman with no
17 strings attached was just a little bit hard to believe.

18 Well, the first thing that impressed me was the
19 scope of their project. Ever since a riverboat law passed
20 in Indiana many of us have watched with interest those
21 communities along the Ohio River have developed their
22 plans.

23 None of them - - None of them is like the one
24 developed by Rising Sun and Ohio County. Let me tell you
25 why I think it is - - Let me tell you why I like it so

1 well. It's not just a riverboat. The riverboat will be
2 the centerpiece of a destination resort. Rising Sun is
3 planning a project with a convention hotel, a complex of
4 retail shops, maybe an outlet mall, and entertainment
5 facilities as well. It's a project which offers
6 innumerable opportunities, something which will attract
7 many individuals and groups, something which will provide
8 a variety of jobs.

9 In Sunman I believe that this project will not
10 only create direct jobs, but will stimulate new business
11 for us that will support the boat, the hotel and the retail
12 shops. We see an opportunity for new housing starts and
13 many other good things coming from the project, not to
14 mention the revenue.

15 Rising Sun and Ohio County have truly taken a
16 regional approach when distributing the revenue from a
17 riverboat in their community. Fifteen cities or towns, as
18 well as unincorporated communities, will benefit. In our
19 case, Sunman could receive annually approximately thirty-
20 three thousand dollars. That's based on a figure of two
21 million visitors, which I understand is somewhat
22 reasonable, if not a conservative projection. In addition,
23 Ripley County could receive an additional two hundred and
24 eighty-eight thousand dollars. This money we can use to
25 repair and expand our infrastructure. There are many times

1 that a business or an industry have looked at the town of
2 Sunman, but have decided to locate somewhere else because
3 the infrastructure was not already in place. We've always
4 had to go with the option that the business comes first, we
5 bring the infrastructure along with it. We have been able,
6 as a local community, to develop a forty acre tract of land
7 which is attractive and affordable for new businesses and
8 industry, but as of yet, we have no residents there. In
9 addition to the direct revenue that Sunman will receive, we
10 will also be able to apply to a regional development
11 foundation established by the additional riverboat revenues
12 for programs related to education, historic preservation,
13 scientific (indiscernible) and economic development or
14 similar public programs.

15 Rising Sun and Ohio County have pledged their
16 efforts to attract satellite businesses and suppliers of
17 the riverboat complex to locate their plants and businesses
18 within the region. Rising Sun and Ohio County were the
19 first to develop a plan for revenue sharing and theirs is,
20 by far, the most generous. The citizens of Rising Sun and
21 Ohio County are truly committed to sharing any benefits
22 they derive from the riverboat complex and we support their
23 efforts.

24 Allow me to speak just briefly about the
25 possibilities a riverboat project would offer to the

1 southeastern region. For the past twelve years I've also
2 served and worked with the Southeastern Regional Planning
3 Commission and we've - - and we are sharply focused on
4 finding economic opportunities for southeastern Indiana.
5 Before riverboats were a reality, we had decided tourism
6 represented one of the strongest alternatives for economic
7 development in this area. The project envisioned by the
8 community and developed by private companies would be the
9 business opportunity southeastern Indiana sought for many
10 years.

11 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Could you wind it up now?

12 WAYNE JENNER: Okay. As you can see, the town of
13 Sunman and Ripley County and the entire southeastern
14 section of Indiana would stand to benefit from the
15 riverboat. A riverboat in Rising Sun would help us in all
16 ways that no other project could. We encourage you to
17 share the vision we have for the project and a site of a
18 riverboat in Rising Sun. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Any questions? I
20 guess I'll ask the same question Mr. Thar asked.
21 Are there others who have agreed to share revenue
22 with you?

23 WAYNE JENNER: There has been one that has come
24 as of late and that would be Switzerland County.

25 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay, thank you.

1 WAYNE JENNER: Okay, thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Eunice Roper-Allen? I'm
3 sorry. I checked off too fast. David Ballinger?
4 Welcome.

5 DAVID BALLINGER: Yes. My name's David
6 Ballinger and I'm a pastor of the Aberdeen United Methodist
7 Church in Ohio County and the Vevay United Methodist Church
8 in Switzerland County, and I represent our denomination and
9 our churches on this issue and I want you to know that as
10 Christians we are for right living, honesty, truthfulness,
11 good jobs, progressiveness, and legitimate growth in our
12 communities. But as people who believe the scriptures and
13 worship a holy and righteous God, we must take a firm stand
14 against the practice and industry of gambling.

15 The social principles of our United Methodist
16 Discipline state this: On experience, gambling is a menace
17 to society, deadly to the best interests of moral, social,
18 economic and spiritual life, and destructive of good
19 government. As an act of faith and love, Christians should
20 abstain from gambling and should strive to minister to
21 those victimized by the practice.

22 Now, the church has stood against gambling down
23 through the years and this is why: Number one, Gambling is
24 seen as a violation of our stewardship to manage God's
25 resources that he's given us. Two, Gambling is seen as a

1 form of stealing. The eighth commandment says you shall
2 not steal. Stealing - - the principle of basically
3 stealing is trying to get something for nothing. Third,
4 Gambling is a form of covetness. The Bible calls for love
5 of God and neighbor and gambling seeks personal gain and
6 pleasure at another person's loss and pain. And
7 ultimately, any money won through gambling comes out of
8 another person's pocketbook. Usually that person's poor
9 and can ill afford it or is in the grip of a terrible
10 addiction. Fourth, gambling promotes a greedy spirit; it
11 emphasizes getting rather than giving, selfish interests
12 rather than self-sacrifice, and erodes the moral fiber of
13 society. Fifth, gambling is a form of idolatry, because it
14 substitutes faith, chance and luck for the fatherly care of
15 a loving God.

16 Now, what happens when we violate God's moral
17 order? The gambling industry promises jobs, tourism and
18 growth, and this is great P.R., but it's a half truth.
19 They don't tell you the other side. Gambling is a lie.
20 The idea that a nation, state or county can raise money by
21 gambling is a myth, it's an empty dream.

22 We're promised jobs, but gambling related jobs
23 tend to be low paying with no transferrable skills. And
24 then the gambling promoters elevate the average wages by
25 averaging in highly paid executives, of which there are

1 only a few.

2 We're promised tourism and business owners in the
3 community salivate at the prospect of new businesses, but
4 studies show that businesses suffer from the
5 (indiscernible) of gambling. Why? Because discretionary
6 funds are used on gambling and not on legitimate businesses
7 in the community.

8 We're promised growth. The only growth we're
9 going to see from gambling, basically, is a high increase
10 in social problems. Every responsible study shows this.
11 F.B.I. crime reports show that states and communities that
12 allow gambling have much higher crime rate. Perfect
13 illustrations are Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, where the
14 police force is three times larger than cities of
15 comparable size. When Atlantic City introduced casinos, it
16 went from fiftieth to first in the nation in per capital
17 crime. The spectre of crime has always haunted the
18 gambling industry. Gambling, loan sharking are still the
19 number one moneymakers for organized crime. The former New
20 Jersey Attorney General John Degman, who witnessed
21 firsthand the effects of gambling on Atlantic City, said
22 this, "Anybody who goes into gambling should recognize that
23 organized crime will be attracted to it like sharks to a
24 bloated body."

25 Now, we often overlook these other economic costs

1 to a community, crime, not to mention the explosion in the
2 number of compulsive gamblers, which is a high economic
3 pricetag to pay. Gambling increases in a community have a
4 negative impact on family relationships, higher divorce
5 rates, spouse abuse, child abuse and so on. Every
6 responsible study shows this.

7 We don't think about gambling's enticement of
8 America's youth, enticed into destructive, addictive and
9 irresponsible behaviors, gambling, alcohol and drug usage.

10 There was a boy in my office just a few months ago who
11 used to sell drugs in these communities around this
12 community. He probably made fifty, sixty thousand a year
13 selling drugs and got out because of threats on his life.
14 And he said to me, "If drugs are being promoted in this
15 community now, wait 'til gambling comes in."

16 America's poor is gambling's prey. Gambling
17 inherently erodes the work ethic of a society. I mean, why
18 study, work, save and invest when, "Hey, I can get rich by
19 playing the lottery or gambling in a casino".

20 And this is what I want to say in the end, the
21 mandate of scripture for good government is to check evil,
22 but now misguided, greedy government is in the business of
23 promoting this evil and this is unconscionable in the life
24 of the social devastation left in the wake of gambling.
25 Like the damp, dark soil on the shady side of a tree - -

1 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Go ahead. You're winding up.

2 DAVID BALLINGER: I want to say it's a breeding
3 ground of fungus and blight. Gambling's a breeding ground
4 of crime and evil. Every responsible study shows these
5 things. Gambling mitigates against the idea of healthy,
6 productive and safe communities. And I think, when are we
7 gonna wake up. Gambling offers something for nothing and
8 the house always wins. And so I just challenge the
9 government leaders to use your moral responsibility before
10 God to cut back to regulate gambling and eventually cut it
11 out and get rid of it altogether. That's my challenge to
12 you.

13 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Next is Eunice
14 Roper-Allen. And you are the President of the
15 East Chicago Branch of the N.A.A.C.P., is that
16 correct?

17 EUNICE ROPER-ALLEN: Yes, and third vice-
18 president of the State of Indiana.

19 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay, thank you.

20 EUNICE ROPER-ALLEN: Thank you very kindly. I
21 would like to say thank you, Ms. Green, for allowing me to
22 come this afternoon to speak before this audience. I am
23 not a resident of Switzerland County, Dearborn County,
24 Miami County or the other counties, but I am concerned
25 about whoever gets the license for this area. We are

1 concerned because it's going to make a different impact
2 into your cities. We might as well face, as someone had
3 said earlier, that reality is here. You're going to issue
4 those licenses to someone. That means, then, that other
5 people of other ethnic groups are going to be coming into
6 your community. How do you address the issue of Afro-
7 Americans, Hispanics, Puerto Ricans, Asians, and others
8 that are going to be coming into your community? We are
9 also concerned, the N.A.A.C.P., as to these groups that are
10 going to be getting these license. What committment have
11 they made to the State of Indiana, not only the N.A.A.C.P,
12 but any other group that is concerned about the issues in
13 the State of Indiana? Yes, we have our license already
14 issued in Northwest Indiana where I hail from, East Chicago
15 and Gary, but already we have met with them and we have
16 asked them and we have it in writing as to what they are
17 going to do, not just for Lake County, Indiana, but for
18 Indiana. Are the ones that are going to be getting the
19 licenses here, have they made a commitment to Indiana, not
20 just the counties here? And when I see the presentations
21 that have been made today, it is true that you need to get
22 together, because divided all three of the counties are not
23 going to prosper. There is no other county in Indiana that
24 could not get along, other than Lake County, but Lake
25 County came together. Therefore, we do have the casinos

1 that you have already given those licenses to.

2 The reason why that I came, Ms. Green, is because
3 I do not think that you need to enter into a proposition
4 where farther down the road there could become obstacles.
5 Face those obstacles as they come now. Let them know that
6 they are going to be dealing with the community, the
7 N.A.A.C.P., and other groups. We want Indiana to be one of
8 the finest states that has casinos, so whether it is
9 Empire, Nago, or Rago, or all the rest of them that you all
10 call, make sure that they fit the purposes for which it is
11 intended. Let's make sure that all of us get a fair share
12 of what is going on. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Uh, Daniel
14 Webster?

15 DANIEL B. WEBSTER: Don't start the clock, yet,
16 please.

17 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: No - - Don't start - - Uh,
18 one of the gentlemen left his things here. I
19 hope he - - Aug Ries.

20 DANIEL B. WEBSTER: Before I start, Commissioner,
21 I'm from Kentucky and there are a couple of questions that
22 came up earlier that I could answer at this time or a
23 little later on, and that has to do with the road from the
24 bridge to the interstate and it also has to do with the
25 navigable water in Kentucky. Would you like for me to

1 answer those at this time or when I complete my
2 presentation?

3 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Why don't you answer them now
4 and we'll get them out of the way and then we'll
5 start your clock.

6 DANIEL B. WEBSTER: Alright. Thank you, sir.
7 The situation on the road, I spoke with the
8 people in the Legislative Research Commission in
9 Kentucky this week. There was two hundred
10 thousand dollars appropriated to do the study for
11 that road. It's in the 1997 budget. After this
12 study's done, the road will be built. However,
13 I was informed by a friend of mine, a boater who
14 docks a boat with me across the river in
15 Kentucky, that there is money available in what
16 they call an emergency fund for the secretary and
17 he could, if so inclined, to do that study this
18 year, which would speed it up by a couple of
19 years. Now, I haven't tried to put any pressure
20 of any kind of him yet. I have friends of mine
21 who are quite interested in it, the president of
22 the new steel plant over there, and they are very
23 desirous of a new road. You'll see it. How
24 quickly depends on government, as usual.
25 Navigable water in the state of Kentucky or the

1 state of Indiana above Markland Dam. When a
2 gaming company was talked about in Switzerland
3 County I went back to the Navigator, which is a
4 book that was used in the 1800's for navigation
5 on the Ohio River. I looked at elevation of the
6 charts of the area and I determined that there
7 would be somewhere between two hundred and six
8 hundred and fifty or so feet in Indiana's
9 territorial waters. Since then the Corps of
10 Engineers have come out with a new river chart
11 which shows the property lines and it is to scale
12 and I have that with me today, if you'd like to
13 look at it. It shows the different areas and it
14 shows the actual territorial boundary between
15 Kentucky and Indiana. Alrightie? Are you ready
16 for me to proceed? Do you have any more
17 questions on those two subjects?

18 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Anyone have any questions
19 about these questions that he's been answering
20 without being asked?

21 DANIEL B. WEBSTER: Okay. Wait - -

22 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: We'll be able to see
23 - -

24 DANIEL B. WEBSTER: Yes, ma'am.

25 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: - - from what you

1 have where - -

2 DANIEL B. WEBSTER: Yes, ma'am. I'll be
3 available afterwards for two reasons and the
4 first is to look at that chart and I'll make it
5 available. I meant to bring it in. The other
6 is, as you'll see in a little bit, as I get into
7 my presentation.

8 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Okay. Well, start your clock.

9 DANIEL B. WEBSTER: Alrightie, start the clock.
10 I'm not going to be like my namesake, Daniel Webster, the
11 great orator. I don't have time. But in fact, I'm going
12 to speak to you as a simple river man would and I'd like to
13 welcome you as a simple river man would, provided we get
14 things organized here.

15 (Steamboat whistle sounded)

16 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Very good.

17 DANIEL B. WEBSTER: The tri-county area has a
18 long and famous history with steamboats. That is an
19 antique steam whistle you just heard. I have a small
20 collection of them.

21 There are two boats in the Switzerland County
22 area that are sunk - - there's actually three that I know
23 where the wreckages are. The collision of the American and
24 the United States back in 1868. But I don't have time to
25 dwell on that, to tell you what I've seen going up and down

1 the river in twenty-three years of running a marina, a boat
2 hospital and storage facilities.

3 What I'm going to talk about today is Markland
4 Dam. I've given you some statistics on the Ohio River, how
5 many miles are in Indiana, how many are in each county.
6 There are five high level dams that border Indiana. Of
7 those five, the one that is going to affect the three
8 counties that you're studying in this hearing and the
9 future hearings is Markland Dam.

10 Markland Dam was completed in 1963. When the dam
11 was completed it raised the water level thirty-five feet.
12 What you have above Markland Dam at the present time is a
13 constant flooded stage. We stay the same level immediately
14 above the dam three hundred and sixty days a year on
15 average. I have those statistics with me from the dam and
16 I told that to one of the people from the Coast Guard and
17 he didn't believe me, so I gave him a copy of the five year
18 history of the other pool gauges and he believes me now.
19 It maintains a constant level. When the dam was raised
20 thirty-five feet, that not only came straight up, it went
21 out, which gave you more territorial waters in the State of
22 Indiana than what you had before.

23 Now, being from Kentucky, I have to tell you that
24 I've owned land in Indiana since 1974, I bought a piece of
25 property. A gentleman by the name of Bob White said that

1 Rising Sun has the best site. They do not. I have. But
2 the company I had an option with pulled out, so I'm pulling
3 for Switzerland County now. That's my whole intention in
4 speaking to you today and I'm going to tell you why. It's
5 very important.

6 The water level doesn't fluctuate. Three hundred
7 and sixty days a year it's just gonna be like you see it
8 tomorrow. The level down here below the dam this
9 afternoon's eleven feet higher than it is above the dam.
10 It can actually fluctuate twenty-one feet in the Cincinnati
11 pool and the upper gauge of Markland Dam will not change
12 six inches.

13 Now, I have - - It's one of the widest spots on
14 the river. We have approximately twenty-two hundred feet
15 above the dam. There are twelve gates that control the
16 river above the dam. Now, if I can use an analogy so you
17 understand how this works - - at this end of the room we
18 have one door, at the far end we have two doors. If I put
19 a gate halfway up down there and we say this is a ninety-
20 five mile long room, which is what it is to the next dam
21 upriver, no matter how much water we let in that door, I
22 can raise the gate on these two doors and let it out until
23 we flood the outer hall and then it backs up and we lose
24 control. That is exactly how the dam works. The current
25 flow is a maximum of four to five miles an hour on the

1 Ohio. The Mississippi runs a little swifter than that,
2 eleven to thirteen.

3 I've seen, going through the locks, a nuclear
4 reactor that was taken out of service in Pennsylvania and
5 delivered down to Texas to be disposed of. I've looked
6 through with a submarine. And if you were here next week,
7 you'd be seeing the Delta Queen coming upriver for it's
8 annual pilgrimage from the steamboat races in Louisville,
9 which I used to deck in on a safety boat for.

10 I appreciate your time today. I'm from Kentucky.
11 I have a little different perspective, I guess, on things,
12 but I have been a property owner in Switzerland County
13 since '74 and I do know more about the river than anybody
14 that's been here today and probably will be here. I would
15 be happy to answer any questions that you might have. I
16 should tell her, though, that I'm colorblind.

17 But the other thing is, I have talked to the
18 people at the dam. I have talked to the people at the dam
19 and they would be happy to give you, your staff, or anyone
20 else connected with you a tour of the dam this evening or
21 in the morning. And I think as you go up and down the
22 river, the dams are going to have a large affect on what
23 you see, the pool levels. The water level in Rising Sun
24 can fluctuate seven or eight feet, Lawrenceburg fifteen
25 feet, and I close with that. Are there questions?

1 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Any questions of
2 Daniel?

3 DANIEL WEBSTER: Thank you very much.

4 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: I - - I'm sorry,
5 wait a minute. I didn't quite understand.
6 You're in favor of the Switzerland County
7 location?

8 DANIEL WEBSTER: That's right.

9 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: And that - - But
10 that does fluctuate? That area does fluctuate?

11 DANIEL WEBSTER: No, ma'am, not normally.

12 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: Oh, so that is the
13 area that does not?

14 DANIEL WEBSTER: That is what I'm saying. If we
15 flood this end of the room, it could be ten feet
16 tall or eight feet tall - -

17 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: I guess I was - -

18 DANIEL WEBSTER: - - but we can let it out as
19 fast as it gets to the other end, which is
20 ninety-five miles between the dams.

21 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: So - -

22 DANIEL WEBSTER: Cincinnati could be within five
23 feet of floodstage and the pool level immediately
24 above the dam will not fluctuate. The normal
25 pool in Cincinnati is twenty-six feet. It can go

1 forty-seven feet in Cincinnati and the pool level
2 immediately above the dam will be just like
3 you're going to see in the morning.

4 QUESTION BY ANN BOCHNOWSKI: And that would be
5 the location in Switzerland County?

6 DANIEL WEBSTER: Yes, ma'am. Now, it will change
7 as you get upriver.

8 ANN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you.

9 DANIEL WEBSTER: They lose control - - the
10 further away it is, the less control they have.

11 ANN BOCHNOWSKI: Thank you.

12 DANIEL WEBSTER: Thank you.

13 QUESTION BY ROBERT SUNDWICK: The next probable
14 place would be Rising Sun?

15 DANIEL WEBSTER: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

16 QUESTION BY CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: And how much
17 fluctuation would you have at Rising Sun - -

18 DANIEL WEBSTER: If it were forty-seven feet in
19 Cincinnati, Rising Sun would be up somewhere at
20 seven to eight feet. Dearborn County would
21 probably be up about fourteen feet. We're
22 looking - - We're halfway - - At Markland
23 Dam, we're halfway between Louisville and
24 Cincinnati. It's fifty-eight miles to the
25 downtown bridge - - well, sixty approximately -

