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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, venders (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 imput?
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

be great.

ROBERT WOOD: If you have any questions or anything that you wish to ask, I'll be available tomorrow in Lawrenceburg.

VICE-CHAIRMAN BOCHNOWSKI: Jack has a question for your right now.

QUESTION BY JACK THAR: I'd asked an earlier gentleman whether or not, so I would like to ask you the same question: has any applicant for the City of Lawrenceburg or the City of Lawrenceburg or the county proposed any revenue sharing with the school?

ROBERT WOOD: Not directly with the schools. I brought that subject up, because I thought of the impact that it might have upon school buildings accomodating new students coming into - - into the area. And I think there will be an affect on all of our area schools. The figures that Mr. Tremain mentioned are a little bit high. We could probably accomodate a couple of hundred students and not the four or five that he mentioned, I believe. Uh, and as far as sharing revenues, offering programs for training, the school systems in the county are certainly 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 oberve 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 sugget 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 venders 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 gamblings 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 unconsciousable 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 file 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 locked
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 -

1 - and it's sixty-five miles to downtown
2 Louisville. There's a dam at the Louisville
3 area. They have a larger lift than we have here,
4 but they don't have locks going all the way
5 across the river, so they can't control it as
6 well. I'll be around afterwards if anybody else
7 has any questions. I'm sure it's late and you're
8 anxious to get away. Thank you very much.
9 CHAIRMAN KINEMAN: Thank you. Well, I guess we
10 have come to the conclusion. Any of the
11 Commissioners or Mr. Thar or anybody have
12 anything else?
13 HEARING CONCLUDED.