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CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION HELD AT

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THE WESTIN, 5951 SILVER TARPON BLVD.,

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CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA, ON MARCH 5TH, 2018,

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COMMENCING AT 1:00 P.M.

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PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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COMMISSIONER LISA CARLTON, VICE CHAIRPERSON

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COMMISSIONER ERIKA DONALDS, CHAIRPERSON

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COMMISSIONER BELINDA KEISER, VICE CHAIRPERSON

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COMMISSIONER JOHN STEMBERGER, VICE CHAIRPERSON

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COMMISSIONER FRED KARLINSKY

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COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY CERIO

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COMMISSIONER CAROLYN TIMMANN

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COMMISSIONER ANNA GAMEZ

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COMMISSIONER ARTHENIA JOYNER

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COMMISSIONER HANK COXE

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COMMISSIONER JACQUI THURLOW-LIPPISCH

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13:07:48 1 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: WELCOME EVERYONE,
13:07:50 2 PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS, SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND PUT
13:07:54 3 THEM ON THE VIBRATE SETTING. TODAY IS OUR FIFTH STOP ON
13:08:02 4 THE 2018 ROAD TO THE BALLOT PUBLIC HEARING TOUR. THIS
13:08:10 5 IS A CRC SECOND STATEWIDE TOUR OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.
13:08:12 6 BEFORE WE BEGIN WE HAVE A FEW PEOPLE THAT WE WOULD LIKE
13:08:14 7 TO THANK.

13:08:16 8 FIRST WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE TEAM HERE
13:08:18 9 AT THE WESTIN CAPE CORAL RESORT AT MARINA VILLAGE FOR
13:08:22 10 SERVING AS OUR HOST FOR THIS MEETING. WE'D LIKE TO
13:08:24 11 THANK THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES WHO INITIALLY
13:08:28 12 HELPED US TO FIND TODAY'S LOCATION IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
13:08:30 13 AND FINALLY WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE LEE COUNTY
13:08:34 14 SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR GRACIOUSLY PROVIDING SECURITY AT
13:08:36 15 TODAY'S HEARING SO EVERYONE CAN HAVE A SAFE AND
13:08:38 16 PRODUCTIVE DAY.

13:08:40 17 MY NAME IS ERIKA DONALDS. I WAS APPOINTED
13:08:42 18 TO THE CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION BY FLORIDA
13:08:46 19 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, RICHARD CORCORAN. I AM A FOURTH
13:08:50 20 GENERATION FLORIDIAN AND I LIVE WITH MY FAMILY IN
13:08:52 21 NAPLES, SERVE AS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DOWN IN COLLIER
13:08:56 22 COUNTY, AND I AM VERY HAPPY TO CHAIR THIS MEETING HERE
13:08:58 23 IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WITH YOU, MY FELLOW COMMUNITY
13:09:02 24 MEMBERS, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.

13:09:06 25 TODAY I AM JOINED BY MY FELLOW

13:09:08 1 COMMISSIONERS. TO MY LEFT, COMMISSIONER KEISER,
13:09:16 2 COMMISSIONER KARLINSKY, COMMISSIONER CERIO, COMMISSIONER
13:09:16 3 TIMMANN AND COMMISSIONER JOYNER; AND TO MY RIGHT,
13:09:20 4 COMMISSIONER CARLTON. COMMISSIONER STEMBERGER AND
13:09:20 5 COMMISSIONER GAMEZ WILL BE JOINING US. COMMISSIONER
13:09:30 6 PLYMALE IS HERE, COMMISSIONER COXE AND COMMISSIONER
13:09:32 7 THURLOW-LIPPISCH. THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS FOR BEING
13:09:34 8 HERE. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY COMMISSIONER LISA
13:09:38 9 CARLTON AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY
13:09:38 10 COMMISSIONER HANK COXE.

13:10:48 11 (INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WERE
13:10:52 12 HAD.)

13:10:52 13 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THE GOAL OF TODAY'S
13:10:54 14 PUBLIC HEARING IS TO GET FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSALS UNDER
13:10:56 15 ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY THE CRC FOR THE 2018 GENERAL
13:11:00 16 ELECTION BALLOTS. WE HAVE A LIST OF PROPOSALS IF YOU
13:11:04 17 WOULD LIKE TO SEE THOSE AT THE CITIZENS SERVICE DESK, SO
13:11:06 18 YOU ARE WELCOME TO PICK THAT UP.

13:11:08 19 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK AT CRC TODAY
13:11:12 20 PLEASE FILL OUT AN APPEARANCE FORM AND HAND IT IN AT THE
13:11:16 21 CITIZENS SERVICE DESK IN THE LOBBY. WE'LL BE CALLING
13:11:18 22 SPEAKERS IN THE ORDER THAT WE RECEIVED THE APPEARANCE
13:11:22 23 FORMS. WE'RE ASKING THAT ALL SPEAKERS LIMIT THEIR
13:11:24 24 REMARKS TO TWO MINUTES, AND WE'LL BE CALLING ON MULTIPLE
13:11:28 25 PEOPLE AT A TIME SO PLEASE LISTEN FOR YOUR NAME. ONCE

13:11:30 1 YOUR NAME IS CALLED, PLEASE LINE UP AT ONE OF THE
13:11:34 2 MICROPHONES THAT YOU SEE ON THE FLOOR HERE. THERE ARE
13:11:36 3 THREE AT THE FRONT OF EACH ISLE. YOU CAN GO TO ANY ONE
13:11:40 4 OF THEM THAT'S CLOSEST TO YOU AND WAIT YOUR TURN. IF
13:11:42 5 YOU HAVE ANY MATERIALS THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH US
13:11:46 6 PLEASE HAND THEM IN TO THE CRC STAFF EITHER AT THE
13:11:50 7 CITIZENS SERVICE DESK IN THE LOBBY OR WE WILL ALSO HAVE
13:11:52 8 A VOLUNTEER UP FRONT TO TAKE THEM FROM YOU.

13:11:54 9 THIS IS A LONG MEETING. WE HAVE NOTICED
13:11:56 10 UNTIL 7:00 P.M. ALL FLORIDIANS WHO SIGN TO SPEAK BY
13:12:02 11 7:00 P.M. WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.

13:12:04 12 TODAY'S MEETING IS BEING RECORDED BY THE
13:12:06 13 FLORIDA CHANNEL AND A FULL TRANSCRIPTION OF THE MEETING
13:12:08 14 WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE AT
13:12:14 15 FLCRC.GOV. AND WITH THAT WE WILL BEGIN THE HEARING.

13:12:20 16 I AM GOING TO CALL FIVE OR SIX NAMES AT A
13:12:22 17 TIME. AGAIN, PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE ORDER. ONCE
13:12:24 18 YOU HEAR YOUR NAME JUST COME UP TO WHATEVER MICROPHONE
13:12:26 19 IS AVAILABLE TO YOU AND WE'LL GO IN ORDER IN THAT
13:12:30 20 MANNER.

13:12:30 21 REVEREND DR. TIMOTHY HALVERSON, PEGGY
13:12:38 22 PETTIT, SAMIRA BECKWITH, DR. AKBERALI KHAKEE AND PAMELA
13:12:46 23 MAYNER. PLEASE GO TO THE MICROPHONE.

13:12:48 24 AND, MA'AM, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. PLEASE
13:12:50 25 STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

13:12:52 1 MS. PETTIT: YES, COMMISSIONER. THANK YOU
13:12:52 2 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS PEGGY PETTIT. I WORK
13:12:56 3 WITH A HOSPICE THAT EMPLOYS 5,000 HEALTHCARE
13:13:00 4 PROFESSIONALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ACROSS FLORIDA.
13:13:00 5 WE CARED FOR 33,000-PLUS PATIENTS IN 2017. CLOSE TO 700
13:13:06 6 VOLUNTEERS DEVOTED THEIR TIME TO THESE PATIENTS AND
13:13:08 7 THEIR FAMILIES.

13:13:08 8 I AM HERE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT
13:13:12 9 PROPOSAL 54 BE AMENDED AND THAT HOSPICE BE REMOVED FROM
13:13:14 10 THE PROPOSAL. I HAVE BEEN A HOSPICE NURSE ADMINISTRATOR
13:13:18 11 FOR 35 YEARS. IN THOSE YEARS I HAVE WORKED IN AND
13:13:20 12 MANAGED HOSPICE IN 20 STATES. FROM THIS VIEWPOINT I
13:13:24 13 WILL TELL YOU THAT HOSPICE IN FLORIDA WORKS AND WORKS
13:13:26 14 VERY WELL. THIS IS IN LARGE PART DUE TO CON. THE
13:13:30 15 REGULATORY STRUCTURE TIED TO CON CREATES A FRAMEWORK
13:13:36 16 THAT ENSURES HOSPICE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL AND
13:13:38 17 STATE REGULATORY ELEMENTS NEEDED TO COMPLY.

13:13:40 18 IN OTHER STATES WE SEE LOWER QUALITY OF
13:13:42 19 CARE. WE SEE VERY UNETHICAL MARKETING TACTICS AND WE
13:13:46 20 SEE CONFUSION FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES AS THEY ARE
13:13:48 21 STEERED TO HOSPICE PROVIDERS BASED ON PROFESSIONAL
13:13:52 22 RELATIONSHIPS WITH REFERRING ENTITIES. SOME MARKETS IN
13:13:56 23 OTHER STATES HAVE HUNDREDS OF HOSPICES CARING FOR AS FEW
13:13:58 24 AS 5 TO 20 PATIENTS WITH VERY FEW STAFF TO CARE FOR THEM
13:14:02 25 AND RATIOS THAT DON'T MEET NATIONAL STANDARDS. I WOULD

13:14:06 1 GUESS BASED UPON THE SATURATION OF PATIENTS CARED FOR IN
13:14:08 2 THE STATE OF FLORIDA MOST OF YOU HAD A HOSPICE
13:14:12 3 EXPERIENCE, EITHER IN YOUR FAMILY OR WITH A FRIEND. I
13:14:16 4 ASK YOU TO THINK OF THAT AS YOU CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL
13:14:18 5 AND I ASK YOU TO PRESERVE THE WAY THAT HOSPICE IS
13:14:20 6 OPERATED IN FLORIDA, PRESERVE THE QUALITY OF CARE,
13:14:24 7 SAFEGUARD THE PATIENTS ON BEHALF OF HOSPICE. PLEASE
13:14:32 8 REMOVE HOSPICE FROM PROPOSAL 54. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13:14:34 9 TIME.

13:14:34 10 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. SAMIRA
13:14:34 11 BECKWITH.

13:14:34 12 MS. BECKWITH: YES. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
13:14:38 13 SAMIRA BECKWITH AND I AM THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF HOPE
13:14:42 14 HEALTHCARE SERVICES WHICH ALSO INCLUDES HOPE HOSPICE IN
13:14:46 15 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK
13:14:48 16 WITH HOSPICE FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND WORKED WITH
13:14:52 17 COMMISSIONER GATES IN 1982 IN MEDICARE, PASSING MEDICARE
13:14:58 18 HOSPICE BENEFIT. I ALSO SERVED ON THE BOARD OF
13:14:58 19 DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE
13:15:02 20 ORGANIZATION; AND IN MANY DIFFERENT POSITIONS I HAVE
13:15:06 21 HELD OVER THE YEARS INCLUDING SURVEYING HOSPICES FOR THE
13:15:08 22 JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTHCARE
13:15:10 23 ORGANIZATIONS I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO
13:15:16 24 LEAD HOPE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, I HAVE ALSO HAD THE
13:15:18 25 OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY STUDY HOSPICE ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

13:15:22 1 I ALSO SERVED AS VICE CHAIR OF THE CON WORK GROUP
13:15:26 2 APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR BUSH AND WE REALLY STUDIED THE
13:15:30 3 CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT CON FOR
13:15:34 4 HOSPICE IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT FLORIDA HAS THE BEST
13:15:38 5 HOSPICES IN THE COUNTRY IN TERMS OF NOT HAVING
13:15:42 6 PROLIFERATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF HOSPICE THAT THEN
13:15:46 7 RESULT IN THE KIND OF ISSUES THAT WAS RAISED BY MS.
13:15:50 8 PETTIT JUST A MOMENT AGO.

13:15:52 9 HOSPICE CARE DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO THE
13:15:56 10 FREE MARKET ENTERPRISE, AND WITHOUT HAVING CON FOR
13:16:00 11 HOSPICE WE KNOW THAT THERE WOULD BE PROBABLY 200
13:16:04 12 HOSPICES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITHIN SIX MONTHS TO A
13:16:06 13 YEAR. THAT STUDY WAS ACTUALLY DONE BY THE AGENCY FOR
13:16:12 14 HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION AND WE KNOW WHO WILL SUFFER
13:16:14 15 THE MOST WILL BE PEOPLE. AND EVEN IF AFTER A PERIOD OF
13:16:18 16 TIME THE MARKETPLACE SORTED ITSELF OUT, WHICH I DON'T
13:16:22 17 THINK WOULD HAPPEN BECAUSE IT HAS NOT HAPPENED IN HOME
13:16:26 18 HEALTH, THEN PEOPLE WOULD HAVE SUFFERED IN THE MEANTIME.
13:16:28 19 PEOPLE ONLY HAVE ONE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS FINAL
13:16:30 20 CHAPTER OF LIFE AND WE HAVE TO BE ASSURED THEY HAVE THE
13:16:34 21 BEST CARE POSSIBLE. SO I ASK YOU --

13:16:38 22 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13:16:40 23 COMMENTS. DR. AKBERALI KHAKEE.

13:16:44 24 DR. KHAKEE: I AM DR. KHAKEE. GOOD
13:16:48 25 AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO

13:16:50 1 ADDRESS YOU THIS AFTERNOON. AT THE OUTSET I WANT TO
13:16:54 2 THANK THE COMMISSION FOR THE VOTE AGAINST PROPOSAL 22
13:16:58 3 AND THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE. I SHOULD REMIND OURSELVES
13:17:02 4 THAT IN 1980 A HUGE MAJORITY OF FLORIDIANS VOTED IN
13:17:08 5 FAVOR OF THE PRIVACY AMENDMENT. MORE RECENTLY IN
13:17:12 6 1997-98, 29 AMENDMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT ADVERSELY
13:17:20 7 AFFECTED PERSONAL AUTONOMY PROTECTION WERE WISELY NOT
13:17:24 8 APPROVED BY THE CRC.

13:17:26 9 COMMISSIONER: SIR, CAN I ASK YOU TO PLEASE
13:17:30 10 SPEAK A BIT CLOSER TO THE MICROPHONE? THANK YOU.

13:17:32 11 DR. KHAKEE: I THEREFORE URGE THE
13:17:34 12 COMMISSIONERS TO ENSURE THAT PROPOSAL 22 IS NOT ALLOWED
13:17:40 13 TO BE RESURRECTED. NEXT I WILL COMMENT ON PROPOSAL 4.
13:17:46 14 THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I SECTION 3 STIPULATES
13:17:52 15 THAT, TO QUOTE, "NO REVENUE OF THE STATE OR ANY
13:17:56 16 POLITICAL DIVISION OR AGENCY THEREOF SHALL EVER BE TAKEN
13:18:00 17 FROM THE PUBLIC TREASURY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN AID
13:18:06 18 OF ANY CHURCH, SECT OR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION, NOR IN
13:18:12 19 AID OF ANY SECTARIAN INSTITUTION." THIS IS REFERRED TO
13:18:18 20 AS THE "NO AID" PROVISION. PROPOSAL 4 WOULD EFFECTIVELY
13:18:24 21 GUT THIS PROVISION, THEREBY COMPELLING TAXPAYERS TO PAY
13:18:28 22 FOR BELIEFS THAT THEY MAY NOT SUBSCRIBE TO OR WHICH MAY
13:18:34 23 REPRESENT A FAITH OTHER THAN THEIR OWN. AND
13:18:38 24 FURTHERMORE, IT WOULD ALSO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY COMPEL
13:18:42 25 THEM TO FUND DISCRIMINATION AND/OR INDOCTRINATION.

13:18:48 1 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13:18:50 2 COMMENTS. REVEREND DR. TIMOTHY HALVERSON AND PAMELA
13:18:56 3 MAYNER ARE NOT HERE. PHYLLIS HALL, TINA BRAUNGARDT, DAN
13:19:04 4 VAHOSEK AND SABRINA BENNETT. THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE
13:19:04 5 YOUR NAME.

13:19:06 6 MS. HALL: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
13:19:08 7 PHYLLIS HALL AND I AM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR
13:19:14 8 AVOW HOSPICE IN NAPLES. I HAVE BEEN IN HEALTHCARE FOR
13:19:16 9 OVER 35 YEARS, IN THE PAST TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS WITH
13:19:22 10 HOSPICE. NINETY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE HOSPICE
13:19:22 11 REIMBURSEMENT COMES FROM EITHER MEDICARE OR MEDICAID,
13:19:26 12 THEREFORE IT IS A FIXED PAYMENT. HAVING ADDITIONAL
13:19:32 13 HOSPICE PROVIDERS WILL NOT DRIVE DOWN PRICES BECAUSE
13:19:36 14 THIS IS NOT A FEE-FOR-SERVICE OR A FREE MARKET ECONOMY.
13:19:48 15 I AM RESPECTFULLY ASKING THAT THE CRC AMEND PROP 54 TO
13:19:54 16 RESPECTFULLY REMOVE HOSPICE. THANK YOU.

13:20:06 17 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

13:20:06 18 MS. BRAUNGARDT: THANK YOU CHAIRMEN AND
13:20:06 19 COMMISSIONERS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS TINA
13:20:08 20 BRAUNGARDT AND I HAVE BEEN IN HOSPICE CARE FOR 11 YEARS,
13:20:12 21 10 OF THOSE 11 IN ADMINISTRATION. I HAVE BEEN A FLORIDA
13:20:16 22 RESIDENT FOR 37 YEARS AND A REGISTERED VOTER.

13:20:20 23 I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU AMEND
13:20:22 24 PROPOSAL NUMBER 54 TO REMOVE HOSPICE. THE HOSPICE
13:20:26 25 CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS A COMPLEX ISSUE AND IT SHOULD BE

13:20:30 1 CONSIDERED BY THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND NOT DECIDED BY
13:20:36 2 A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. ELIMINATION OF HOSPICE
13:20:38 3 CERTIFICATE OF NEED WILL NOT LEAD TO A FREE MARKETPLACE
13:20:42 4 FOR HOSPICE.

13:20:42 5 AGAIN, LIKE PHYLLIS STATED, 95 PERCENT OF
13:20:48 6 HOSPICE CARE IS PAID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH
13:20:50 7 MEDICARE OR MEDICAID. THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HOSPICE
13:20:54 8 PROGRAMS ARE CURRENTLY ANALYZED TWICE A YEAR BY THE
13:20:58 9 AGENCY OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION. APPLICATIONS
13:21:00 10 SUBMITTED AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO MEET FLORIDA'S
13:21:04 11 GROWING NEED.

13:21:04 12 HOSPICE PATIENTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA
13:21:08 13 WILL BE HARMED IF HOSPICE CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS
13:21:10 14 ABOLISHED AS PART OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION. IT WILL
13:21:14 15 ADVERSELY AFFECT THE QUALITY OF CARE VULNERABLE PATIENTS
13:21:18 16 RECEIVE AS WELL AS THE CARE THEIR FAMILIES RECEIVE IN
13:21:20 17 THE COMMUNITY. WHAT WOULD BE LOST? REGULATORY
13:21:26 18 STRUCTURE. THERE WOULD BE CHAOS AND HOSPICE WITHOUT A
13:21:30 19 REGULATORY STRUCTURE. HOSPICE REGULATION IS TIED TO THE
13:21:32 20 CURRENT CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS, NOT IN LICENSURE.
13:21:36 21 WHAT WOULD BE LOST? ACCESS. REAL FAMILIES IN LOWER
13:21:42 22 INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS COULD LOSE ACCESS TO HOSPICE
13:21:44 23 SERVICES ALTOGETHER IF THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS
13:21:46 24 REMOVED. I CAN PERSONALITY RELATE TO THAT AS MY FATHER
13:21:50 25 WAS IN A STATE WHERE THERE WAS NOT A CERTIFICATE OF

13:21:54 1 NEED. HE WAS FIVE MILES OUTSIDE THE RADIUS AND THEY
13:21:56 2 COULD NOT PROVIDE HOSPICE FOR HIM. THANK YOU.

13:40:50 3 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13:40:50 4 COMMENTS. MA'AM, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK. JUST A
13:40:50 5 MOMENT FOR THE TRANSCRIPTION. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR
13:40:50 6 YOUR PATIENCE. WE ALSO HAD TO ADJUST OUR SOUND HERE.
13:40:54 7 IT WAS HARD FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO HEAR SO WE HAVE GOT
13:40:58 8 THAT IN ORDER. IF I CAN GET EVERYONE TO PLEASE TAKE
13:41:04 9 THEIR SEATS, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE YOUR HEARING.

13:41:04 10 IF I DIDN'T ALREADY CALL YOUR NAME YOU ARE
13:41:08 11 WELCOME TO COME BACK TO THE MICROPHONE. AS YOU ARE
13:41:12 12 COMING BACK I AM GOING TO REMIND YOU OF THE TWO MINUTES,
13:41:16 13 AND THERE ARE TIMERS ON EITHER SCREEN ON BOTH SIDES OF
13:41:20 14 THE ROOM HERE TO REMIND YOU OF THOSE TWO-MINUTE COUNTS.
13:41:24 15 ALSO, THE MICROPHONES ARE ADJUSTABLE, BOTH THE HEAD AND
13:41:28 16 THE STAND, SO FEEL FREE TO ADJUST IT TO YOUR HEIGHT SO
13:41:32 17 WE CAN HEAR YOU WELL. AND WITH THAT WE WILL PROCEED.
13:41:36 18 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

13:41:38 19 MS. HAFNER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
13:41:40 20 PAMELA HAFNER AND I HAVE BEEN A HOSPICE EMPLOYEE FOR THE
13:41:44 21 PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE CRC TO
13:41:50 22 AMEND PROP 54 TO REMOVE HOSPICE. THANK YOU.

13:41:54 23 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
13:41:54 24 SIR.

13:41:56 25 MR. VOHASEK: COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS DAN

13:41:58 1 VOHASEK AND LIKE MY COLLEAGUES FROM AVOW HOSPICE AND
13:42:02 2 HOPE HOSPICE, I WORK AT AVOW HOSPICE AS SENIOR DIRECTOR
13:42:04 3 OF IT. I AM HERE TO RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT CRC AMEND
13:42:10 4 PROP 54 TO REMOVE HOSPICE. HOSPICE IS A REGULATORY
13:42:12 5 STRUCTURE AND IS BASED ON THE CON PROCESS, NOT
13:42:16 6 LICENSURE, SO I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE CRC AMEND PROP
13:42:20 7 54 TO REMOVE HOSPICE. THANK YOU.

13:42:24 8 MS. BENNETT: GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS
13:42:26 9 SABRINA BENNETT AND I HAVE WORKED FOR AVOW HOSPICE IN
13:42:30 10 COLLIER COUNTY FOR TWO YEARS. I CAME TO WORK FOR
13:42:32 11 HOSPICE BASED ON MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF HOSPICE IN
13:42:36 12 MULTIPLE COUNTIES IN FLORIDA. SIMPLY PUT, CERTIFICATE
13:42:42 13 OF NEED FOR HOSPICE WORKS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS
13:42:44 14 EVIDENCED BY MY INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES' COMMENTS EARLIER.
13:42:48 15 I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE CRC TO AMEND PROP NUMBER 54 TO
13:42:54 16 REMOVE HOSPICE. THANK YOU.

13:42:54 17 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. NEXT NAME
13:42:58 18 IS CHRISTINA SARCONA, RICK STEVENS, KEITH FLAUGH, JOE
13:43:04 19 DOYLE, SANDRA STONE AND LAUREN BRENZEL.

13:43:10 20 GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

13:43:12 21 MS. SARCONA: HI. MY NAME IS CHRISTINA
13:43:14 22 SARCONA AND I'VE BEEN AN ACCOUNTING MANAGER FOR AVOW
13:43:16 23 HOSPICE FOR A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS. I RESPECTFULLY ASK
13:43:20 24 THAT CRC AMEND THE POSITION OF 54 TO REMOVE HOSPICE.
13:43:26 25 THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED HELPS PROGRAMS PROVIDE

13:43:30 1 FLORIDIANS WITH THE BEST ACCESS OF CARE TO ENSURE
13:43:34 2 QUALITY CARE TO BOTH HOSPICE PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES
13:43:38 3 WHILE SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY WITH TAX SAVING DOLLARS
13:43:40 4 THAT WE ALL KNOW.

13:43:40 5 THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED ALSO HELPS PREVENT
13:43:44 6 FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY WITH FREQUENTLY MONITORED PROGRAMS.
13:43:46 7 WITHOUT THE CON, IT WOULD CREATE CHAOS IN HOSPICE
13:43:52 8 WITHOUT THE REGULATORY STRUCTURE THAT'S CURRENTLY IN
13:43:56 9 PLACE. SO AGAIN, I ASK FOR THEM TO REMOVE IT FROM
13:43:58 10 PROPOSAL 54. THANK YOU.

13:44:02 11 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: OVER HERE ON THIS
13:44:02 12 MICROPHONE. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

13:44:04 13 MS. STONE: MY NAME IS SANDRA STONE. I LIVE
13:44:06 14 IN FORT MYERS, FLORIDA. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE
13:44:10 15 COMMISSIONERS NOT TO RESURRECT PROPOSAL NUMBER 22 WHEN
13:44:14 16 YOU GO INTO YOUR FINAL DELIBERATIONS.

13:44:16 17 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

13:44:20 18 MR. STEVENS: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS.
13:44:22 19 I AM REVEREND RICK STEVENS. I AM A PASTOR HERE IN CAPE
13:44:26 20 CORAL AND ONE OF THE MANAGING DIRECTORS OF THE FLORIDA
13:44:30 21 CITIZENS ALLIANCE. THE FLORIDA CITIZENS ALLIANCE IS AN
13:44:32 22 ORGANIZATION, REALLY AN ALLIANCE OF PEOPLE AND GROUPS
13:44:32 23 ACROSS THE STATE OF FLORIDA WORKING FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN
13:44:36 24 K THROUGH 12TH EDUCATION. WE WORK FOR SOLUTIONS THAT
13:44:38 25 WILL IMPROVE STUDENT PERFORMANCE.

13:44:40 1 WE WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO PROPOSAL
13:44:42 2 NUMBER 33 THAT DEALS WITH APPOINTING SUPERINTENDENTS
13:44:46 3 VERSUS ELECTING SUPERINTENDENTS. THE CURRENT SITUATION
13:44:48 4 THAT ALLOWS FOR ELECTING SUPERINTENDENTS RESULTS IN AN
13:44:52 5 INHERENT CONFLICT OF GOVERNMENTS BETWEEN SCHOOL BOARDS
13:44:58 6 AND THOSE SUPERINTENDENTS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT PROPOSAL
13:44:58 7 33 IS THE CORRECT WAY TO GO TO ALLOW SCHOOL BOARDS TO
13:45:02 8 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE THE SUPERINTENDENTS THAT
13:45:04 9 HAVE A MORE SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM OF GOVERNANCE.

13:45:10 10 WE ALSO SUPPORT NUMBER 43, THE TERM LIMITS
13:45:10 11 FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13:45:14 12 MEMBERS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SENATORS IN FLORIDA AND
13:45:14 13 THE GOVERNOR ALL OPERATE UNDER TERM LIMITS AND IT SEEMS
13:45:18 14 TO US IT MAKES SENSE THAT EVERYBODY ELSE SHOULD TOO.
13:45:22 15 AND WE SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF TERM LIMITS.

13:45:24 16 IN ADDITION, WE SUPPORT PROPOSALS 45 AND 71
13:45:26 17 THAT DEAL WITH EXPANDING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL
13:45:30 18 CHILDREN IN FLORIDA AND WE HOPE YOU WOULD LOOK AT THOSE
13:45:32 19 BECAUSE WE THINK WE NEED ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES AND ALL
13:45:34 20 THE FLEXIBILITY THAT'S POSSIBLE TO HELP CHILDREN LEARN.

13:45:36 21 AND FINALLY NUMBER 10, WE SUPPORT THAT
13:45:38 22 CONCEPT OF ALLOWING IMPROVED CIVIC EDUCATION, BUT WE
13:45:42 23 WOULD CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SOME
13:45:44 24 GOOD LAWS ON THE BOOKS IN FLORIDA RIGHT NOW. THE
13:45:48 25 PROBLEM, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, IS WE CAN'T GET THE

13:45:50 1 PEOPLE THAT CHOOSE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS TO FOLLOW
13:45:54 2 THOSE LAWS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I WISH YOU WELL,
13:45:56 3 AND I HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS THAT WE'RE
13:45:58 4 SUPPORTING AS WELL. THANK YOU.

13:46:00 5 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. OVER HERE
13:46:00 6 ON THIS MICROPHONE.

13:46:02 7 MS. BRENZEL: HELLO. MY NAME IS LAUREN
13:46:04 8 BRENZEL. I TRAVELED HERE FROM ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
13:46:06 9 TODAY BECAUSE I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS COMMISSION IS.
13:46:08 10 I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU NOT TO BRING BACK PROPOSAL 22.
13:46:12 11 IT'S A PROPOSAL THAT LIMITS RIGHTS TO PRIVACY IN THE
13:46:16 12 STATE OF FLORIDA WHICH WE KNOW THAT CONSTITUENTS ARE
13:46:18 13 AGAINST.

13:46:18 14 I ALSO KNOW THAT YOU MEMBERS OF THE
13:46:20 15 COMMISSION ARE ATTACHED TO A BUNCH OF VERY IMPORTANT AND
13:46:24 16 POWERFUL PEOPLE AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE THESE
13:46:26 17 NETWORKS TO PROMOTE A BAN ON ASSAULT RIFLES.

13:46:32 18 MR. FLAUGH: MY NAME IS KEITH FLAUGH. I'M
13:46:34 19 ALSO A MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIDA CITIZENS
13:46:38 20 ALLIANCE. I'LL TRY NOT TO BE REDUNDANT WITH WHAT PASTOR
13:46:42 21 RICH JUST SAID. I'M GOING TO BREAK MY COMMENTS INTO TWO
13:46:44 22 PARTS. WE AS A FLORIDA CITIZENS ALLIANCE WILL URGE ALL
13:46:48 23 OF OUR SUPPORTERS, 20,000, TO SUPPORT THE FOUR EDUCATION
13:46:54 24 AMENDMENTS BY ERIKA DONALDS. WE THINK EACH ONE OF THOSE
13:46:56 25 ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

13:46:58 1 ON PROPOSAL 10 BY SENATOR GAETZ, AGAIN, WE
13:47:04 2 SUPPORT THE CONCEPT, BUT THERE'S A MAJOR FACTUAL ERROR
13:47:08 3 IN THAT STATEMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE FIXED BEFORE IT GOES
13:47:10 4 FORWARD. WE ARE NOT A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY. WE ARE
13:47:14 5 A CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC AND THAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED
13:47:18 6 BECAUSE THERE'S A HUGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO.

13:47:22 7 THE SECOND PART OF MY COMMENTS WILL BE BASED
13:47:26 8 ON PERSONAL COMMITMENTS, NOT REPRESENTING THE FLORIDA
13:47:28 9 CITIZENS ALLIANCE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT P4, RELIGIOUS
13:47:34 10 FREEDOM. I FEEL 11 ELECTORS VOTING IN PRIMARY
13:47:36 11 ELECTIONS, P13 TO RESTORE THE ELECTED CONSTITUTION
13:47:42 12 OFFICERS, I THINK IS TERRIFIC. PROHIBITION ON THE
13:47:46 13 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES ISN'T THE FREE MARKET RATE. WE
13:47:50 14 NEED TO RESTORE THAT. AND OF COURSE THE BILL OF RIGHTS
13:47:52 15 FOR VICTIMS AND FOR PATIENTS.

13:47:54 16 ON P93, WHICH IS ALLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS,
13:48:04 17 HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BECOME CHARTER
13:48:06 18 SCHOOLS, THERE'S A BASIC DISINGENUOUS PART OF THAT
13:48:12 19 CONCEPT BEHIND THAT. ON A NATIONALLY NORM TEST LEVEL,
13:48:16 20 50 PERCENT OF OUR 2.8 MILLION KIDS CANNOT READ OR DO
13:48:20 21 MATH AT GRADE LEVEL. SO WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR SCHOOLS,
13:48:20 22 VERY FEW OF THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS AND NONE OF OUR
13:48:26 23 DISTRICTS ARE REALLY "A" SCHOOLS, BUT SINCE WE GRADE
13:48:26 24 THEM ON A CURVE AND 62 PERCENT IS AN "A," THAT'S VERY
13:48:32 25 DISINGENUOUS. WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT

13:48:32 1 SHOULD HAVE THE VOTERS OF THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT SHOULD
13:48:38 2 HAVE THE RIGHT TO HIRE --

13:48:38 3 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13:48:40 4 COMMENTS. BEFORE YOU BEGIN, DR. DOYLE, I'M GOING TO
13:48:42 5 CALL A FEW MORE NAMES: JENNIFER MURPHY, MEGHAN
13:48:54 6 COTTRELL, KAYLA ANGELA ALAMILLA, RUSSELL FORTUNATO. GO
13:48:54 7 AHEAD.

13:48:54 8 DR. DOYLE: GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR,
13:48:58 9 COMMISSIONERS. DR. JOSEPH DOYLE, NAPLES, FLORIDA. I AM
13:49:02 10 BOARD CERTIFIED IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND I AM AGAINST THE
13:49:04 11 REVISIONS TO PROPOSITION 94. I COMPLETED MY RESIDENCY
13:49:10 12 AT THE PALM BEACH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND I HAVE IN
13:49:18 13 THE PAST SINCE 1995 TO 2001 SERVED ON THE BOARD OF THE
13:49:18 14 AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA. I REMEMBER WHEN
13:49:20 15 THIS SETTLEMENT CAME IN AND WHEN WE GOT THE FUNDS FOR
13:49:22 16 EDUCATION. I DO NOT BELIEVE THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE GOING
13:49:26 17 INTO RESEARCH. WE ALWAYS HAVE A HARD ENOUGH TIME IN
13:49:28 18 PUBLIC HEALTH GETTING FUNDS FOR EDUCATION. SO THESE
13:49:32 19 FUNDS SHOULD STAY FOR EDUCATION.

13:49:34 20 NOW, IN LOOKING AT THE PROPOSAL, IF YOU WANT
13:49:36 21 TO DO SOME MORE EDUCATION REGARDING THE LINES OF THE
13:49:38 22 DANGERS OF NICOTINE AND THE DANGERS OF VAPING AND MAYBE
13:49:42 23 INSTEAD OF HERE ON PAGE 3 LINE 67 YOU TALK ABOUT
13:49:46 24 RESEARCH INTO CANCER, GO WITH RESEARCH OF VAPING. THAT
13:49:50 25 MIGHT BE A GOOD CHANGE, BUT WE SHOULD NOT BE PUTTING

13:49:52 1 MONEY INTO CANCER RESEARCH FROM THIS TRUST FUND BECAUSE
13:49:56 2 CANCER RESEARCH GETS A LOT OF FUNDING FROM OTHER REVENUE
13:50:00 3 STREAMS, AND THIS MONEY SHOULD STAY FOR EDUCATION.

13:50:06 4 REGARDING PROPOSITION 10, I SUPPORT THE
13:50:08 5 PREVIOUS SPEAKER ON LINE 18. WE ARE A CONSTITUTIONAL
13:50:12 6 REPUBLIC. WE ARE NOT A CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY.

13:50:16 7 AND THEN FINALLY ON PROPOSAL 93, WHILE I AM
13:50:22 8 AGAINST SCHOOL DISTRICTS BECOMING CHARTER DISTRICTS, IF
13:50:26 9 YOU ARE GOING TO USE A DEFINITION OF A HIGH PERFORMING
13:50:28 10 SCHOOL, "B" DOES NOT CUT IT. IT SHOULD BE AN "A."
13:50:32 11 THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

13:50:32 12 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. OVER HERE
13:50:34 13 ON THIS MIC.

13:50:34 14 MS. MURPHY: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS
13:50:36 15 AND ATTENDEES. MY NAME IS JENNIFER MURPHY AND I HAVE
13:50:38 16 BEEN WORKING WITH SEX CRIMES VICTIMS FOR 30 YEARS. IN
13:50:44 17 THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2017 THERE WERE ALMOST 2,000
13:50:46 18 CHARGES OF SEXUAL OFFENSES IN FLORIDA. FLORIDA HAS
13:50:50 19 REFUSED TO IMPLEMENT AND DEMAND PROGRAMS FOR
13:50:56 20 CONSEQUENCES SUCH AS JOBS, SCHOOLS OR SEX OFFENDER
13:50:58 21 PROGRAMS. SO WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE VICTIMS
13:51:00 22 AND I AM GOING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE TO WORK WITH THESE
13:51:02 23 VICTIMS IF PROPOSAL 96, WHICH I IMPORE THIS PANEL TO
13:51:06 24 SUBMIT AND AGREE TO, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE
13:51:10 25 VICTIMS WE NEED AN ORGANIZATION AND WE NEED A LAW IN THE

13:51:12 1 CONSTITUTION THAT HELPS THESE VICTIMS ONCE IT HAPPENS.
13:51:16 2 THEY ARE BEING LEFT OUT IN THE COLD. THEY ARE NOT
13:51:18 3 AFFORDED COUNSELING SERVICES USUALLY. MOST OF MY WORK
13:51:22 4 IS PRO BONO AND FRANKLY WE'RE -- I'M REALLY TIRED OF
13:51:24 5 JUST TALKING ABOUT HOW WE HELP THESE VICTIMS AND NOT
13:51:28 6 DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT. AND I IMPORE YOU, THE PEOPLE
13:51:32 7 IN POWER NEED TO START LISTENING TO THOSE OF US WHO KNOW
13:51:34 8 HOW TO MAKE CHANGE HAPPEN SO THAT CHANGE CAN HAPPEN. I
13:51:34 9 APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

13:51:40 10 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
13:51:42 11 SIR.

13:51:42 12 MR. DOUGH: GOOD AFTERNOON. RESPECTFULLY, I
13:51:46 13 ASK TO SPEAK OUT OF TURN BECAUSE I HAVE A DOCTORS
13:51:48 14 APPOINTMENT THIS AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARL DOUGH.

13:51:52 15 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: I'M SORRY, SIR. I
13:51:54 16 CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO DO THAT. GO AHEAD AND HAVE A SEAT
13:51:56 17 RIGHT HERE AND I'LL GET A STAFF MEMBER TO ASSIST YOU.
13:51:58 18 THANK YOU.

13:52:00 19 GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

13:52:02 20 MS. ALAMILLA: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
13:52:02 21 KAYLA ANGELA ALAMILLA. I LIVE IN NAPLES, FLORIDA, AND I
13:52:06 22 AM HERE TODAY TO SIMPLY EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION OF
13:52:10 23 PROPOSAL 22. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13:52:12 24 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
13:52:14 25 SIR.

13:52:16 1 MR. FORTUNATO: MY NAME IS RUSSELL
13:52:18 2 FORTUNATO. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL
13:52:20 3 67. I HAVE SPOKEN TO THIS COMMITTEE BEFORE AND I'D LIKE
13:52:22 4 TO REPEAT WHAT I HAVE ALREADY SAID. THESE STORIES YOU
13:52:26 5 ARE HEARING FROM THE ACTIVISTS ARE HORRIBLE AND THEY
13:52:28 6 DISGUST ME AND ALL OF THE HARD WORKING PROFESSIONALS
13:52:30 7 THAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH IN THIS BUSINESS. I HAVE
13:52:32 8 BEEN IN THE GREYHOUND BUSINESS MY ENTIRE LIFE AND I'VE
13:52:36 9 NEVER SEEN ANY OF THESE HORRIBLE THINGS. THE BOTTOM
13:52:38 10 LINE IS SOME OF THESE STORIES MAY BE TRUE, EMBELLISHED,
13:52:42 11 TWISTED, OR SOME OF THE -- OR THE STORYTELLER HAS
13:52:44 12 MISINTERPRETED THE CIRCUMSTANCES BECAUSE OF PROPAGANDA
13:52:46 13 AND THE CONSTANT BAD PRESS OUR INDUSTRY RECEIVES. THE
13:52:50 14 DEAL IS, THERE ARE A LOT OF BAD APPLES IN EVERY
13:52:54 15 INDUSTRY. THERE ARE DIRTY COPS, SLEAZY LAWYERS, CROOKED
13:52:58 16 POLITICIANS, BAD DOCTORS, TEACHERS, THE PET INDUSTRY,
13:53:00 17 AND NO ONE IS TALKING ABOUT HORSE RACING. GREY2K HASN'T
13:53:04 18 SENT SOMEBODY UP TO TELL A SOB STORY ABOUT HORSE RACING.
13:53:08 19 WE'RE NOT HERE TALKING ABOUT ABOLISHING
13:53:10 20 THESE INDUSTRIES OR WIPING OUT THESE JOBS OR RUIN THESE
13:53:14 21 PEOPLES' LIVES. EVERY INDUSTRY HAS A WAY OF WEEDING OUT
13:53:18 22 THE BAD APPLES, DISQUALIFYING, PROSECUTING AND REMOVING
13:53:20 23 THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS.
13:53:22 24 MANY OF YOU WERE APPOINTED BY OUR GOVERNOR
13:53:28 25 AND HE RAN ON A PLATFORM OF JOBS, FAMILY AND SUPPORT FOR

13:53:30 1 OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. PROPOSAL 67 WIPES OUT HIS ENTIRE
13:53:32 2 PLATFORM. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON
13:53:34 3 FLORIDA ECONOMY WOULD BE HUGE. SOME SAY 3,000, SOME SAY
13:53:38 4 5,000 JOBS. MANY OF US HAVE NO OTHER EXPERIENCE OR
13:53:42 5 COLLEGE EDUCATION. FAMILIES WOULD BE DEVASTATED;
13:53:46 6 FLORIDA CITIZENS LOSING THEIR HOUSES, BANK ACCOUNTS,
13:53:48 7 RETIREMENT FUNDS AND THEIR KIDS' FUTURES. HOW ABOUT
13:53:52 8 MORE SUPPORT FOR OUR SMALL BUSINESSES? ALL OF THESE
13:53:56 9 KENNEL OWNERS, DOG FARMERS, HAULERS AND BREEDERS ARE ALL
13:53:58 10 SMALL BUSINESSES. THEY ARE ALL SMALL BUSINESSES AND
13:54:00 11 THEY SPEND MILLIONS SUPPORTING THE OTHER SMALL
13:54:02 12 BUSINESSES. I DRIVE AROUND TOWN BUYING SUPPLIES:
13:54:04 13 \$35,000 IN DOG FOOD, \$8,000 IN CLEANING SUPPLIES. THE
13:54:10 14 NUMBERS ARE ENDLESS. AGAIN, THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON
13:54:12 15 FLORIDA WOULD BE HUGE. LAWSUITS WOULD ALSO COST FLORIDA
13:54:18 16 MILLIONS. WE LOVE OUR DOGS, OUR JOBS, OUR FAMILIES. NO
13:54:20 17 ON 67.

13:54:20 18 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR. GO
13:54:22 19 AHEAD, MA'AM.

13:54:22 20 MS. COTTRELL: HELLO. MY NAME IS MEGHAN
13:54:26 21 COTTRELL. I AM A LIFELONG FLORIDA RESIDENT AND I LIVE
13:54:28 22 IN NAPLES, FLORIDA. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU GUYS TO
13:54:30 23 PRESERVE FLORIDA'S RIGHT TO PRIVACY AS IT CURRENTLY
13:54:34 24 STANDS IN OUR CONSTITUTION. I APPLAUD THE JUDICIARY
13:54:36 25 COMMITTEE FOR REJECTING THAT BUT I KNOW IT CAN COME BACK

13:54:40 1 IN THE FULL COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION, AND IF THAT
13:54:42 2 HAPPENS, THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE NO OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
13:54:44 3 AGAINST IT, WHICH IS WHY WE'RE SPEAKING OUT TODAY.

13:54:48 4 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT I STAND WITH
13:54:50 5 THE PARKLAND STUDENT ACTIVISTS, AND CLEARLY WE CANNOT
13:54:52 6 HOLD OUR LEGISLATURE ACCOUNTABLE TO COME UP WITH AN
13:54:56 7 ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN. SO I ASK THAT YOU TO PUT IT TO A
13:55:00 8 VOTE IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE A MAJORITY OF FLORIDIANS,
13:55:02 9 REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY OR IDEALOGY, SUPPORT A BAN
13:55:04 10 ON ASSAULT WEAPONS AND I THINK IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT WE
13:55:08 11 GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

13:55:12 12 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13:55:12 13 COMMENTS. KAYLA ALAMILLA, SARAH SCULLY, KURT GOERKE,
13:55:16 14 DEBORAH FRANKLIN, PATTI SPEARS, LIZA MCCLENAGHAN, DON
13:55:28 15 GOLDSTEIN. WHOEVER GETS THERE FIRST. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

13:55:36 16 MS. SCULLY: HI. MY NAME IS SARA SCULLY.
13:55:36 17 I'M A SARASOTA RESIDENT AND I REJECT ANY ATTEMPT TO
13:55:42 18 BRING PROPOSAL 22 BACK FROM THE DEAD BECAUSE WE REALLY
13:55:44 19 DO NEED TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN FLORIDA.
13:55:48 20 AND I ALSO STAND WITH THE STUDENTS OF PARKLAND AND
13:55:50 21 SUPPORT A BAN ON ASSAULT RIFLES. I THINK THERE ARE SO
13:55:54 22 MANY WAYS THAT WE CAN FIX THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN
13:55:58 23 FLORIDA AND MAKE THE STUDENTS FEEL SAFER, AND ARMING
13:56:02 24 TEACHERS ISN'T ONE OF THOSE BUT A BAN ON ASSAULT RIFLES
13:56:04 25 WOULD.

13:56:04 1 I ALSO BELIEVE THAT PROPOSALS 4, 43, 45, 71
13:56:08 2 AND 72 WOULD POSE A THREAT TO OUR PUBLIC EDUCATION
13:56:12 3 SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

13:56:14 4 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. SIR.

13:56:14 5 MR. GOERKE: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AND
13:56:18 6 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY AND
13:56:20 7 WELCOME TO LEE COUNTY. MY NAME IS KURT GOERKE AND I'M
13:56:22 8 WITH THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION AND HAVE BEEN FOR 26
13:56:26 9 YEARS NOW. I'M HERE TODAY IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION
13:56:32 10 94. IN MY TIME WITH THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION I
13:56:34 11 HAVE MET COUNTLESS PEOPLE THAT WERE UNFORTUNATELY
13:56:36 12 DEALING WITH THE ILL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO USE AND SOME OF
13:56:42 13 THEM DYING FROM THAT, AND OFTENTIMES LUNG CANCER WAS ONE
13:56:44 14 OF THE REASONS.

13:56:46 15 A LOT OF PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW THAT CURRENTLY
13:56:48 16 IN THE UNITED STATES, LUNG CANCER IS THE NUMBER ONE
13:56:52 17 CANCER FOR MEN, BUT IT'S ALSO THE NUMBER ONE CANCER
13:56:54 18 KILLER FOR WOMEN. IT'S A VERY SIMPLE PROPOSITION. IN
13:56:58 19 MY TIME, AGAIN, IN THE 26 YEARS I HAVE DONE THIS, WE'VE
13:57:00 20 KNOWN FOR YEARS THAT IF WE CAN GET THE ADULTS THAT ARE
13:57:04 21 SMOKING TO QUIT, THAT THEY VERY LIKELY CAN SURVIVE THAT
13:57:08 22 KIND OF AN OUTCOME DEALING WITH SOME CHRONIC LUNG
13:57:10 23 DISEASES OR, EVEN WORSE, DYING FROM LUNG CANCER. WE
13:57:14 24 ALSO KNOW THAT IF WE CAN PREVENT KIDS FROM STARTING WE
13:57:16 25 CAN BRING DOWN CANCER RATES. THIS IS A SIMPLE EQUATION,

13:57:18 1 SO IT'S KIND OF A HEAD SCRATCHER WHEN PROPOSITION 94 WAS
13:57:24 2 PROPOSED TO TAKE MONEY FROM -- MONEY THAT IS FUNDING A
13:57:24 3 TOBACCO FREE FLORIDA.

13:57:26 4 WE ARE AT THE LOWEST SMOKING RATES IN
13:57:28 5 FLORIDA FOR ADULTS AND FOR YOUTH THAN WE'VE EVER BEEN
13:57:32 6 RIGHT NOW. SO AT THIS TIME TO TAKE MONEY FROM THAT AND
13:57:34 7 PUT IT TO CANCER RESEARCH DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME.
13:57:38 8 AGAIN, WE HOPE YOU WILL ALSO JOIN US IN OPPOSING
13:57:38 9 PROPOSITION 94.

13:57:42 10 AND REALLY QUICKLY, PROPOSITION 65, WE ALSO
13:57:46 11 ARE IN FAVOR OF THAT. THAT IS A PROPOSITION THAT SEEKS
13:57:50 12 TO ADD WHAT WE CALL "ENDS DEVICES," ELECTRONIC
13:57:56 13 CIGARETTES, VAPING PRODUCTS TO OUR SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACE
13:58:00 14 LAWS IN FLORIDA. WHEN WE PASSED THE RULE WE REALLY
13:58:02 15 DIDN'T HAVE THE VAPING AND ALL THAT STUFF, AND IT WOULD
13:58:04 16 ADD IT -- FOR EXAMPLE, FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE CROWD,
13:58:08 17 THE MOST APPARENT THING WOULD BE THAT IF YOU WENT TO A
13:58:08 18 RESTAURANT NOT ONLY CAN PEOPLE NOT SMOKE IN A RESTAURANT
13:58:12 19 NOW BUT THEY CAN CURRENTLY UNDER THE LAW THEY CAN VAPE
13:58:16 20 OR USE OTHER PRODUCTS, AND IT WOULD ADD THAT TO THOSE
13:58:18 21 TYPE OF LAWS AND TO OUR WORKPLACES. SO AGAIN, IN FAVOR
13:58:20 22 OF 65 AND OPPOSING PROPOSITION 94. THANK YOU.

13:58:24 23 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
13:58:26 24 MA'AM.

13:58:26 25 MS. MCCLENAGHAN: MY NAME IS LISA

13:58:30 1 MCCLENAGHAN. I'M THE STATE CHAIR OF COMMON CAUSE
13:58:30 2 FLORIDA. WELCOME AGAIN TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA. WE
13:58:34 3 APPRECIATE THOSE COMMISSIONERS WHO HAVE BEEN ATTENDING
13:58:36 4 IN PERSON AND HEARING FROM FLORIDIANS. WE ARE FULL OF
13:58:40 5 HOPE THAT THOSE WHO ARE NOT IN ATTENDANCE ARE LISTENING
13:58:42 6 TO THE FULL RECORDINGS RATHER THAN READING A SUMMARY OF
13:58:46 7 TOPICS COVERED.

13:58:46 8 THE SPEAKERS AT PREVIOUS HEARINGS HAVE SHOWN
13:58:48 9 THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT THE
13:58:52 10 PROPOSALS YOU ARE CONSIDERING AS WELL AS CHANGING AND
13:58:54 11 DROPPING PROPOSALS THAT ARE NOT REFLECTIVE OF WHO WE
13:58:58 12 ARE. I WANT TO SPEAK THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT HEARING FROM
13:59:00 13 VOTERS THROUGH ELECTIONS. COMMON CAUSE FLORIDA SUPPORTS
13:59:06 14 PROPOSAL 11, THE FIX TO THE WRITE-IN A LOOPHOLE FOR THE
13:59:08 15 UNIVERSAL PRIMARY.

13:59:10 16 TWENTY YEARS AGO THE VOTERS THOUGHT THAT BY
13:59:12 17 CREATING THE UNIVERSAL PRIMARY THEY WERE ALLOWING VOTERS
13:59:14 18 OF ANY PARTY TO BE HEARD AT THE BALLOT BOX, WHEN ONLY
13:59:18 19 ONE PARTY'S CANDIDATE QUALIFIED. THIS NEW LANGUAGE
13:59:18 20 CLARIFIES THAT POSITION.

13:59:18 21 WE OPPOSE PROPOSAL 97, RAISING THE THRESHOLD
13:59:28 22 FOR VOTERS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION. THE INITIATIVE
13:59:28 23 PROCESS ALLOWS THE VOTERS TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT THE
13:59:32 24 LEGISLATURE HAS NOT BEEN WILLING TO TACKLE. PLEASE
13:59:36 25 TRUST AN INFORMED ELECTORATE TO MAKE THE CHOICES FOR THE

13:59:38 1 DOCUMENT THAT GOVERNS US WHEN THEY WORK ON THE BALLOT.
13:59:42 2 FLORIDA ALREADY HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST HURDLES IN THE
13:59:44 3 COUNTRY FOR VOTERS TO AMEND OUR CONSTITUTION. PROPOSAL
13:59:48 4 97 WOULD TURN A SKIP MEASURE INTO A NO VOTE, THUS
13:59:52 5 DISTORTING A VOTER'S INTENT.

13:59:54 6 NOW, I WISH TO SPEAK AS AN INDIVIDUAL NOT
13:59:58 7 REPRESENTING AN ORGANIZATION. I URGE YOU TO INCLUDE ON
14:00:02 8 THE 2018 BALLOT A BAN OF THE ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH
14:00:04 9 CAPACITY MAGAZINES. ON THIS ISSUE OUR ELECTED LEADERS
14:00:08 10 ARE NOT REPRESENTING OUR COMMUNITIES. WHETHER YOU AGREE
14:00:10 11 WITH THIS PROPOSAL OR NOT, YOU SHOULD GIVE THE
14:00:14 12 OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON SUCH A BAN TO THE ELECTORATE AND
14:00:18 13 TRUST THAT THEY WILL REFLECT THE NEEDS OF THEIR
14:00:20 14 COMMUNITIES. LET US SPEAK THROUGH OUR BALLOTS AND BE
14:00:22 15 HEARD. THANK YOU.

14:00:24 16 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU.

14:00:26 17 MS. FRANKLIN: I AM DEBORAH FRANKLIN. I'M
14:00:28 18 THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF QUALITY AFFAIRS FOR FLORIDA
14:00:30 19 HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION. PRIOR TO THAT FOR OVER 30 YEARS
14:00:32 20 I WAS A PROVIDER OPERATING A SKILLED NURSING ASSISTED
14:00:36 21 LIVING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING CARE. I HAVE HEARD IT
14:00:40 22 SAID THAT PROPOSAL 88 NEEDS TO BE ON THE CONSTITUTION
14:00:42 23 BECAUSE OUR LEGISLATURE HAS FAILED TO ACT. I'M HERE TO
14:00:46 24 TELL YOU THAT THAT IS NOT THE CASE. QUALITY CARE
14:00:48 25 IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR STATE'S NURSING HOMES IS A COMBINED

14:00:52 1 RESULT OF PROVIDERS' COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE MEASURABLE
14:00:54 2 IMPROVEMENT ALONG WITH STAFFING INCREASES REGULATORY
14:00:58 3 FORMS THAT THE LEGISLATURE PASSED IN 2001 THROUGH SENATE
14:00:58 4 BILL 1201.

14:01:02 5 PRIOR TO 2001, NURSING HOMES WERE STAFFING
14:01:06 6 CNAS AT 1.6 PER PATIENT HOUR AND LESS THAN 1.0 FOR
14:01:12 7 NURSES. TODAY FLORIDA'S NURSING HOMES CONTINUE TO STAFF
14:01:12 8 WELL ABOVE THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THEY ARE RANKED
14:01:16 9 10TH IN THE COUNTRY WITH A COMBINED STAFFING AVERAGE OF
14:01:18 10 4.6 CNA AND NURSE HOURS.

14:01:22 11 ONE OF THE BIGGEST IMPACTS IN QUALITY THAT
14:01:24 12 WAS INCLUDED IN THE SENATE BILL 1202 WAS THE REQUIREMENT
14:01:26 13 FOR THE INTERNAL RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. AS THE STAFF
14:01:30 14 BECAME BETTER INFORMED AND EDUCATED ON RISK MANAGEMENT,
14:01:34 15 IT BEGAN TO LOOK AT THE PROCESSES. THEY LOOKED AT THE
14:01:38 16 ENTIRE PICTURES. FOR INSTANCE, IF SOMETHING HAD CAME
14:01:40 17 OUT OF THAT IT WAS AN ACCEPTED BEST PRACTICE FOR
14:01:44 18 RESTRAINTS. RESTRAINTS ARE RANKED NOW LESS THAN A HALF
14:01:48 19 A PERCENT IN NURSING HOMES, 73,000 NURSING HOME PATIENTS
14:01:56 20 ARE USED ANY FORM OF RESTRAINT AND THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE
14:02:00 21 RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LOOKING AT WAYS TO BETTER DO
14:02:02 22 THAT.

14:02:04 23 SURVEYS WERE ALSO INCREASED FOR FACILITIES
14:02:08 24 THAT HAVE A HIGHER NUMBER OF SERIOUS CITATIONS. THE
14:02:10 25 FACILITIES ARE NOW SURVEYED MORE FREQUENTLY. FACILITIES

14:02:12 1 WITH A CONDITIONAL LICENSE ARE ALSO SURVEYED EVERY THREE
14:02:16 2 MONTHS AND THIS WAS AS A WAY TO CLOSE DOWN THOSE POOR
14:02:20 3 PERFORMERS OR GET THEM TO GET IN LINE. THIS PROPOSAL
14:02:24 4 SPEAKS TO RESIDENT RIGHTS AND GIVING INDIVIDUALS THE
14:02:26 5 OPPORTUNITY FOR RECOURSE IF THEY ARE DISSATISFIED --

14:02:28 6 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

14:02:30 7 MS. FRANKLIN: PLEASE VOTE NO FOR
14:02:34 8 PROPOSITION 88.

14:02:34 9 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: AS YOU COME UP I AM
14:02:34 10 GOING TO CALL A FEW MORE NAMES: LESLIE VOLLMER, SEAN
14:02:40 11 FLETCHER, KATI MACFALL, MICHELLE RYAN AND JACK OLIVER.
14:02:42 12 YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. GO AHEAD.

14:02:46 13 MS. SPEARS: HELLO. MY NAME IS PATTI SPEARS
14:02:48 14 AND I AM AN ADMINISTRATOR AT OAKBROOK HEALTH AND REHAB
14:02:52 15 IN LABELLE. WE ARE A FIVE-STAR QUALITY FACILITY AND OUR
14:02:54 16 FACILITY HAS ACHIEVED THE BRONZE AND SILVER AMERICAN
14:02:58 17 HEALTHCARE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD. MANY OF OUR STAFF
14:02:58 18 HAS BEEN WITH US ANYWHERE FROM 5 TO 30 YEARS. THESE
14:03:02 19 CAREGIVERS STAY BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIPS THEY BUILD
14:03:02 20 WITH OUR RESIDENTS. THIS IS THEIR PASSION TO CARE FOR
14:03:08 21 THE ELDERLY. I CAN SPEAK FOR THE HARDWORKING EARNEST
14:03:12 22 PROFESSIONALS AT MY CENTER AND THROUGHOUT OUR PROUD
14:03:16 23 PROFESSION WHO STRIVE EACH DAY TO MAKE A POSITIVE
14:03:18 24 DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS.

14:03:20 25 PROPOSAL 88 CLAIMS TO CREATE A BILL OF

14:03:22 1 RIGHTS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS, YET ITS TRUE
14:03:26 2 OBJECTIVE IS TO INCREASE LAWSUITS TO LINE THE POCKETS OF
14:03:30 3 FLORIDA TRIAL LAWYERS. EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS
14:03:32 4 GUARANTEE THE BASIC RIGHTS AND MORE FOR RESIDENTS OF
14:03:36 5 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES. WE ARE THE ONES WHO TRULY
14:03:38 6 UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF OUR PROUD ELDERLY
14:03:40 7 INDIVIDUALS WHO WE WORK WITH EACH AND EVERY DAY. THESE
14:03:44 8 RESIDENTS NEED PUBLIC POLICIES THAT FOCUS ON OFFICIAL
14:03:44 9 REFORM, THINGS LIKE ENHANCED FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE
14:03:50 10 PROGRAMS AND FUNDING FOR NURSING CENTER RESOURCES. THEY
14:03:52 11 NEED THE SUPPORT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE RETENTION
14:03:56 12 OF SKILLED HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WHO CARE FOR THEM
14:03:58 13 LIKE FAMILY. WHAT THEY DON'T NEED IS THE ADDED STRESS
14:04:02 14 OF UNWARRANTED LAWSUITS THAT WOULD PUT OUR NURSING
14:04:06 15 CENTERS AT A POINTLESS PROVISION CONTAINED IN PROPOSAL
14:04:10 16 88. THE PROPOSAL ATTEMPTS TO FIX A PROBLEM THAT DOESN'T
14:04:12 17 EXIST AND WOULD DIVERT IMPORTANT RESOURCES THAT MAKE THE
14:04:14 18 WORK OF FLORIDA SUCCESSFUL AND DEDICATED NURSING CENTERS
14:04:16 19 POSSIBLE. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE VOTE AGAINST PROPOSAL 88.
14:04:20 20 AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

14:04:22 21 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. YOU'RE
14:04:24 22 RECOGNIZED NEXT, SIR.

14:04:24 23 MR. GOLDSTEIN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MY
14:04:26 24 NAME IS DON GOLDSTEIN AND I LIVE IN RIVERVIEW, FLORIDA.
14:04:30 25 I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL AMENDMENT 67. MY WIFE

14:04:34 1 AND I HAVE BEEN RESCUING GREYHOUNDS FOR OVER 25 YEARS
14:04:38 2 AND HAVE ADOPTED NINE AND FOSTERED OVER 50. I WANT TO
14:04:42 3 HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE SCALE OF THIS INDUSTRY. THIS
14:04:44 4 HANDSOME BOY IS LEROY. (RAISES UP LARGE PICTURE.) OUT
14:04:46 5 OF LEROY'S FIRST 105 RACES HE WON 53 OF THEM.
14:04:54 6 UNFORTUNATELY, IN HIS 106TH RACE WHEN HE WAS
14:04:54 7 THREE-AND-A-HALF YEARS OLD, HE BROKE HIS LEG. FOR THE
14:04:56 8 NEXT SIX YEARS HE WAS USED AS A STUD AND MY WIFE AND I
14:05:00 9 ADOPTED HIM WHEN HE WAS NINE AND A HALF YEARS OLD.
14:05:04 10 DURING THOSE SIX YEARS, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL
14:05:06 11 GREYHOUND ASSOCIATION DATABASE, HE SIRED 410 PUPPIES,
14:05:12 12 ONE OF WHICH IS MY CURRENT FOSTER, MY GRAND DOG IF YOU
14:05:14 13 WILL. LEROY PASSED AWAY JUST OVER TWO YEARS AGO AND WE
14:05:20 14 MISS HIM EVERY SINGLE DAY. WHILE LEROY'S 410 PUPPIES
14:05:24 15 MAY SEEM LIKE A LOT, I HAVE ANOTHER GREYHOUND AT HOME
14:05:26 16 NAMED MYRA WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL
14:05:28 17 PROVISIONS COMMITTEE THAT UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO THIS
14:05:30 18 AMENDMENT. HER FATHER, A DOG NAMED DODGEM BY DESIGN HAS
14:05:40 19 11,428 FIRST GENERATION PUPPIES. THAT'S ACCORDING TO
14:05:42 20 THE RACING DATABASE, THE NGA DATABASE. MYRA'S
14:05:46 21 GRANDFATHER HAS 11,210 FIRST GENERATION PUPPIES. THOSE
14:05:54 22 TWO MALES HAVE SIRED NEARLY 23,000 GREYHOUNDS.
14:05:58 23 AND DON'T LET THE INDUSTRY TELL YOU THAT
14:06:00 24 THEY DON'T BREED LIKE THAT ANYMORE. THE MOST RECENT
14:06:02 25 LITTER WAS BORN 19 MONTHS AGO AND IS JUST NOW STARTING

14:06:06 1 THEIR RACING CAREERS. I WANT TO THANK YOU,
14:06:08 2 COMMISSIONERS LEE, GAETZS AND HEUTCHAN FOR BRINGING THIS
14:06:10 3 PROPOSAL FORWARD AND I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT PROPOSED
14:06:14 4 AMENDMENT 67 AND LET THE GOOD PEOPLE OF FLORIDA DECIDE
14:06:18 5 WHETHER THIS ARCHAIC INDUSTRY SHOULD CONTINUE. THANK
14:06:22 6 YOU.

14:06:22 7 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR.

14:06:24 8 MS. RYAN: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
14:06:26 9 MICHELLE RYAN AND I TRAVELED HERE FROM NORTHERN PALM
14:06:30 10 BEACH COUNTY FROM JUPITER, FLORIDA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
14:06:32 11 SERVICE ON THE COMMISSION.

14:06:34 12 I AM HERE TO VOICE MY PROFOUND
14:06:36 13 DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE FOR VOTING
14:06:40 14 DOWN PROPOSAL 22. IN 1980 WE VOTED FOR INFORMATIONAL
14:06:46 15 PRIVACY AND IN 1989 WE GOT ACTIVIST JUDGES PERVERTING
14:06:50 16 THE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT TO ABORTION WHEN
14:06:54 17 THERE WAS NONE THERE. THIS WAS DONE TO THE DETRIMENT TO
14:06:58 18 OUR CHILDREN AS WELL AS WOMEN MORE RECENTLY WHO WOULD
14:07:00 19 HAVE BENEFITTED FROM A 24-HOUR WAITING PERIOD PRIOR TO
14:07:04 20 HAVING AN ABORTION.

14:07:06 21 I IMPORE YOU TO BRING PROPOSAL 22 TO THE
14:07:10 22 ENTIRE COMMISSION FOR A VOTE AND ULTIMATELY TO THE
14:07:12 23 PEOPLE OF FLORIDA. A RIGHT TO INFORMATIONAL PRIVACY IS
14:07:18 24 NOT A RIGHT FOR AN ABORTION. THANK YOU.

14:07:20 25 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: GO AHEAD, SIR.

14:07:26 1 MR. FLETCHER: HELLO. MY NAME IS SEAN
14:07:30 2 FLETCHER. I AM A NAPLES RESIDENT AND I AM ALSO A MARINE
14:07:34 3 CORPS VETERAN AND A GRADUATE OF STETSON LAW AND A RECENT
14:07:38 4 BAR TAKER. AS ANYBODY WHO'S TAKEN BAR PREP KNOWS,
14:07:42 5 FLORIDA'S PRIVACY PROTECTIONS ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN
14:07:46 6 THE GENERAL CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED
14:07:52 7 STATES CONSTITUTION, AND I THINK THAT STRIPPING THOSE
14:07:52 8 RIGHTS AWAY WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC. IN THE END IT COMES
14:07:56 9 DOWN TO WHAT MESSAGE THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE WANTS TO
14:08:00 10 SEND. IS FIGHTING TERRORISM MORE IMPORTANT THAN NOT
14:08:08 11 ALLOWING WARRANTLESS SEARCHES OR WARRANTLESS
14:08:14 12 SURVEILLANCE? IS DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE LGBT
14:08:20 13 COMMUNITY MORE IMPORTANT THAN ALLOWING LGBT CITIZENS TO
14:08:28 14 KEEP SECRET THEIR STATUS WHEN TRYING TO ADOPT CHILDREN?
14:08:30 15 I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO OPPOSE PROPOSAL 4 AND
14:08:36 16 IT'S EXCESSIVE GOVERNMENT ENTANGLEMENT WITH RELIGION
14:08:40 17 THAT WOULD RESULT. AND THANK YOU.
14:08:42 18 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR.
14:08:48 19 MS. VOLLMER: HELLO. MY NAME IS LESLIE
14:08:50 20 VOLLMER. I'M AN ADMINISTRATOR FOR REHABILITATION AND
14:08:52 21 HEALTHCARE CENTER IN CAPE CORAL. WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING
14:08:54 22 CARE IN THE CAPE FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS NOW. I HAVE HAD
14:08:58 23 THE PLEASURE OF TAKING CARE OF SENIORS IN THE STATE OF
14:09:02 24 FLORIDA SINCE 1991.
14:09:04 25 I WANTED TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT THE CLAIMS

14:09:08 1 THAT PROP 88 IS THAT IT'S GOING TO BE ABOUT NURSING HOME
14:09:14 2 RESIDENT RIGHTS. PROPOSITION 88 IS NOT ABOUT NURSING
14:09:18 3 HOME RIGHTS, IT'S ABOUT EXPANDING INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD
14:09:20 4 BE NAMED IN LAWSUITS SUCH AS CRITICAL CARE VENDERS THAT
14:09:24 5 WE HAVE THAT PROVIDE CARE AND SERVICES TO OUR PATIENTS
14:09:26 6 AND RESIDENTS. IT WILL ALSO ALLOW LAWSUITS FOR PASSIVE
14:09:30 7 INVESTORS AND OTHER PREDATORS. SO WE WON'T HAVE PEOPLE
14:09:34 8 THERE HELPING IN THIS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A NURSING HOME
14:09:38 9 TO TAKE CARE OF OUR RESIDENTS. AND OVERALL, IT'S GOING
14:09:40 10 TO REQUIRE NURSING HOMES TO HAVE A HIGHER OVERAGE OF
14:09:42 11 INSURANCE FOR THESE LAWSUITS SO THAT THEY COULD PAID
14:09:46 12 FOR.

14:09:46 13 ULTIMATELY, THIS IS GOING TO TAKE AWAY FROM
14:09:48 14 OUR PATIENT CARE AND FOR THE QUALITY OF CARE THAT DEBBIE
14:09:52 15 FRANKLIN WAS DISCUSSING THAT WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDING IN
14:09:54 16 THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. I AM ASKING
14:09:58 17 YOU TO VOTE AGAINST PROP 88. THANK YOU.

14:10:00 18 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. AS YOU ARE
14:10:00 19 COMING, MR. OLIVER, I AM GOING TO CALL A FEW MORE NAMES:
14:10:04 20 M. SUSAN PINE, MANNY NAVARRO, TROY CHURCHILL, AND GEORGE
14:10:04 21 FULLER. GO AHEAD, SIR.

14:10:12 22 MR. OLIVER: HELLO. MY NAME IS JACK OLIVER.
14:10:12 23 I AM WITH FLORIDIANS FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AND I
14:10:16 24 AM THE FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR AND I'M HERE FOR PROPOSAL
14:10:22 25 29. OPPONENTS OF THIS PROPOSAL MADE THE CLAIM THAT

14:10:26 1 E-VERIFY WILL HARM THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THIS IS
14:10:28 2 TOTALLY FALSE. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC
14:10:32 3 INDICATORS OF HOW BUSINESSES ARE DOING IS TO ASK: IS
14:10:34 4 THE EMPLOYMENT RATE GOING UP AND DOWN? OF ALL SEVEN
14:10:40 5 STATES SURROUNDING FLORIDA, WE'RE THE STATE THAT DOES
14:10:42 6 NOT HAVE E-VERIFY. IN ALL SEVEN STATES THE EMPLOYMENT
14:10:44 7 RATE HAS GONE UP AFTER ENACTING E-VERIFY. THE
14:10:50 8 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE STATES AND FLORIDA IS IN
14:10:50 9 FLORIDA WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE OF WHERE THOSE JOBS ARE
14:10:54 10 GOING TO.

14:10:56 11 THERE WAS A STUDY IN TEXAS BY THE CENTER FOR
14:11:00 12 IMMIGRATION STUDIES AND THAT STUDY SHOWED THAT 41
14:11:02 13 PERCENT OF THE JOBS CREATED UNDER GOVERNOR PERRY WENT TO
14:11:06 14 LEGAL IMMIGRANTS, WHICH IS GOOD. THAT'S WHAT WE TRY AND
14:11:08 15 ENCOURAGE. THE TROUBLING PART OF THE STUDY WAS THAT 40
14:11:12 16 PERCENT OF THE JOBS WENT TO ILLEGAL WORKERS AND ONLY 19
14:11:16 17 PERCENT WENT TO US CITIZENS. SO THAT'S VERY TROUBLING.
14:11:20 18 WE SHOULD ALL TRY AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERY NEW HIRE IS A
14:11:24 19 LEGAL WORKER.

14:11:26 20 NOW, IN THE SAME TIME PERIOD IN FLORIDA WE
14:11:28 21 HAVE GOTTEN 300,000 MORE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS THAT HAVE
14:11:32 22 COME INTO THE STATE DURING THAT TIME, AND UNDOUBTEDLY
14:11:34 23 MOST OF THOSE HIRES WE DON'T KNOW WHO THEY WENT TO.
14:11:38 24 PROBABLY A GOOD PERCENTAGE OF THEM DID GO TO ILLEGAL
14:11:42 25 IMMIGRANTS.

14:11:44 1 NOW I WANT TO ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU, AND
14:11:48 2 COMMISSIONER PLYMALE DID A SELF-CHECK ON E-VERIFY AND
14:11:50 3 SHE INDICATED IT WAS VERY EASY TO USE. PLEASE GO AND
14:11:54 4 CHECK OUT E-VERIFY WEBSITES AND SEE HOW EASY AND
14:11:58 5 BUSINESS FRIENDLY IT IS. IT'S THE HIGHEST APPROVAL
14:12:02 6 RATE -- CONSUMER APPROVAL RATE OF ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY,
14:12:08 7 85 PERCENT. SO THE CLAIMS THAT IT'S HARD TO USE AND
14:12:10 8 ISN'T ACCURATE ARE FALSE, SO PLEASE CHECK IT OUT. THANK
14:12:14 9 YOU SO MUCH. GOOD SEEING EVERYBODY AGAIN.

14:12:12 10 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR.

14:12:20 11 MS. MACFALL: HI. THANK YOU. I'M KATI
14:12:24 12 MACFALL OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES. I'M
14:12:24 13 HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF PENROSE JAKE. JAKE WAS BORN
14:12:28 14 APRIL 21ST, 2010 AND WAS ONE OF FIVE PUPPIES. HE WAS
14:12:32 15 TATTOOED WHEN HE WAS A FEW MONTHS OLD AND WAS LATER
14:12:34 16 TRAINED TO RACE. HE WAS SHIPPED TO ORANGE PARK KENNEL
14:12:38 17 CLUB IN JACKSONVILLE WHERE HE RAN 127 RACES, INCLUDING
14:12:42 18 HIS FINAL RACE ON AUGUST 22, 2013. ON A CLOUDY NIGHT
14:12:48 19 JAKE WAS STRUCK BY OTHER DOGS WHEN ENTERING THE FINAL
14:12:50 20 TURN, BUT HE STILL MANAGED TO FINISH 7TH. JAKE'S
14:12:54 21 OFFICIAL STATE DEATH NOTIFICATION WAS NOTHING MORE THAN
14:12:56 22 A HANDWRITTEN NOTE BY GREYHOUND TRAINER MISSY TATE. SHE
14:13:00 23 PROVIDED NO EXPLANATION FOR JAKE'S DEATH AND THERE WAS
14:13:02 24 NO STATE INVESTIGATION. JAKE DIED WHEN HE WAS THREE
14:13:04 25 YEARS OLD. ON BEHALF OF PENROSE JAKE WE URGE YOU TO

14:13:10 1 VOTE YES FOR THE DOGS IN PROPOSAL 67.

14:13:12 2 I AM COMPELLED TOO QUICKLY COMMENT ON A
14:13:14 3 PREVIOUS TESTIMONY. PENROSE JAKE'S DEATH ISN'T A SOB
14:13:18 4 STORY. IT IS A STATE-DOCUMENTED DEATH. THE FACT THAT
14:13:24 5 THE INDUSTRY WOULD REFER TO HIS DEATH AS A SOB STORY IS
14:13:28 6 A GOOD INDICATOR OF HOW CALLOUS AND INDIFFERENT IT IS TO
14:13:32 7 THE SUFFERING OF THESE DOGS. PLEASE SUPPORT PROPOSAL 67
14:13:36 8 FOR THE DOGS. THANK YOU.

14:13:38 9 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
14:13:40 10 MA'AM.

14:13:42 11 MS. PINE: MY NAME IS M. SUSAN PINE. I
14:13:44 12 REPRESENT THE FACE LIFE, INC., A PRO-FAMILY NONPROFIT
14:13:48 13 ORGANIZATION FROM WEST PALM BEACH. I AM HERE REGARDING
14:13:52 14 PROPOSAL 22, ALBEIT THE ISSUE IS NOT BEFORE THE
14:13:56 15 COMMISSION TODAY. IT IS A FACT THAT IN 1980 FLORIDA
14:14:00 16 VOTERS PASSED ARTICLE I SECTION 23 OF THE FLORIDA
14:14:02 17 CONSTITUTION WHICH REFLECTS THE RIGHT TO PROTECT
14:14:04 18 INFORMATIONAL PRIVACY WITH NO MENTION OF ABORTION
14:14:08 19 RIGHTS. MR. STEMBERGER FROM YOUR COMMISSION WITH GREAT
14:14:12 20 CONFIDENCE TESTIFIED DURING THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
14:14:16 21 MEETING THAT FOLLOWING CRC STAFF AND HIS OWN PERSONAL
14:14:20 22 EXTENSIVE RESEARCH THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO OFFICIAL
14:14:24 23 RECORD OR DRAFT THAT INDICATES THAT THE DRAFTERS OF THE
14:14:28 24 AMENDMENT INTENDED TO IMPLY -- APPLY ABORTION OR ANY
14:14:34 25 OTHER PERSONAL ISSUES OUTSIDE OF INFORMATIONAL PRIVACY.

14:14:38 1 MR. JOHN MILLS ALSO PROVIDED TESTIMONY.

14:14:42 2 WHILE HE IS WELL CREDENTIALED AND WAS ONE OF THE

14:14:46 3 DRAFTERS OF THE 1980 MEASURE, MR. MILLS WAS QUOTED AS

14:14:52 4 SAYING THAT, "IT WAS AN UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WAS NOT

14:14:58 5 JUST INFORMATION. THAT IS MY RECOLLECTION." I

14:15:04 6 RESPECTFULLY ASK THE COMMISSION, ARE WE TO RELY ON MR.

14:15:10 7 MILLS' 40-YEAR-OLD RECOLLECTION WHEN AT THE TIME OF THE

14:15:14 8 -- THAT THE MEASURE WAS DRAFTED AND REGARDLESS OF HIS

14:15:18 9 CREDENTIALS, THAT HE FORGOT TO MAKE THAT UNDERSTANDING

14:15:20 10 PART OF THE RECORD ALONG WITH HIS CREDENTIALED

14:15:24 11 COLLEAGUES MERELY FIVE YEARS POST-ROE? REALLY? PLEASE

14:15:30 12 RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE PROCESS. BRING BACK

14:15:34 13 PROPOSAL 22. PASS IT OUT OF THE FULL COMMISSION

14:15:40 14 AFFORDING FLORIDIANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR IT.

14:15:42 15 THANK YOU. ALSO, PLEASE SUPPORT PROPOSAL 4.

14:15:46 16 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,

14:15:50 17 SIR.

14:15:50 18 MR. NAVARRO: MY NAME IS MANNY NAVARRO. I

14:15:54 19 THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THEIR SACRIFICE

14:15:56 20 AND SERVICE. AND ALTHOUGH PROPOSAL 22 IS NOT BEFORE THE

14:16:00 21 COMMISSION TODAY I AM HERE TO RESPECTFULLY STATE THAT IT

14:16:06 22 CAME WITH MUCH SURPRISE AND DISBELIEF THAT THE JUDICIAL

14:16:10 23 COMMITTEE OF THE CRC REJECTED THIS MEASURE THAT WOULD

14:16:14 24 HAVE CLARIFIED AND RESTORED ARTICLE I OF SECTION 23 TO

14:16:18 25 ITS ORIGINAL INTENT.

14:16:20 1 PUBLIC HEARINGS WERE HELD PROVIDING AN
14:16:24 2 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMISSION TO HEAR OUR VOICES.
14:16:28 3 DURING THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING, MR. STEMBERGER
14:16:32 4 STATED THAT "RESTORING THE INFORMATIONAL PRIVACY
14:16:36 5 AMENDMENT TO ITS ORIGINAL INTENT WAS OF THE GREATEST
14:16:40 6 PUBLIC CONCERN BROUGHT TO THIS COMMISSION." FURTHER,
14:16:44 7 MR. STEMBERGER NOTED THAT THIS ISSUE WAS OF GRAVE
14:16:48 8 CONCERN TO A TRULY DIVERSE POPULATION THAT MADE THEIR
14:16:52 9 VOICES HEARD. HOW THEN, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE
14:16:58 10 COMMISSION, IN ALL GOOD CONSCIOUS TO DENY FLORIDIANS AN
14:17:00 11 OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON PROPOSAL 22? PLEASE AFFORD US
14:17:06 12 THE OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO VOTE FOR THE INFORMATIONAL
14:17:10 13 PRIVACY AS DID A 61 PERCENT MAJORITY OF VOTERS DID IN
14:17:16 14 1980. THANK YOU.

14:17:18 15 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR. AS
14:17:18 16 YOU ARE APPROACHING I AM GOING TO CALL A FEW MORE NAMES:
14:17:22 17 CAREY THEIL, LAWRENCE GILLIS, ELIZABETH SHEEHAN AND KIM
14:17:26 18 BONNER. GO AHEAD, SIR.

14:17:28 19 MR. FULLER: YES. MY NAME IS GEORGE FULLER.
14:17:30 20 I'M FROM SARASOTA AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL
14:17:34 21 29. IN 1986 CONGRESS LIED TO PRESIDENT REAGAN TO GET
14:17:42 22 AMNESTY FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION ALIENS. IN
14:17:44 23 RETURN, CONGRESS PROMISED TO SET UP A MANDATORY CHECK TO
14:17:46 24 MAKE SURE ALL WORKERS HIRED IN THE FUTURE WERE LEGAL
14:17:48 25 WORKERS. IT'S CALLED E-VERIFY. 32 YEARS LATER,

14:17:52 1 CONGRESS STILL HAS NOT FULFILLED ITS PROMISE OF
14:17:58 2 MANDATORY E-VERIFY FOR ALL WORKERS. IN FACT, BOTH
14:17:58 3 CONGRESS AND THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE HAS FAILED TO
14:18:02 4 PROTECT LEGAL WORKERS AND CITIZENS OF WALLACE.
14:18:02 5 MEANWHILE, SEVEN SOUTHERN STATES AROUND US HAVE PASSED
14:18:12 6 MANDATORY E-VERIFY, SO ILLEGAL ALIENS ARE DRAWN HERE
14:18:12 7 LOOKING FOR WORK.

14:18:12 8 THE COST OF ABSORBING ILLEGAL ALIENS IN
14:18:18 9 FLORIDA HAS BEEN STEEP. IN 2007 THE COST TO EDUCATE AND
14:18:22 10 MEDICATE AND INCARCERATE ILLEGAL ALIENS WAS A STAGGERING
14:18:24 11 1.85 BILLION DOLLARS. LAST YEAR, ONLY A DECADE LATER,
14:18:28 12 THE COST HAS MORE THAN TRIPLED TO AN UNBELIEVABLE 6.3
14:18:32 13 BILLION DOLLARS. WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SPECULATE WITHOUT
14:18:36 14 MANDATORY E-VERIFY WHAT THE COST WILL BE IN ANOTHER
14:18:40 15 DECADE? WHO COULD POSSIBLY OPPOSE MANDATORY E-VERIFY?
14:18:46 16 WELL, THAT'S SIMPLE. THE OPPOSITION TO MANDATORY
14:18:50 17 E-VERIFY COMES FROM CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIEN EMPLOYERS.
14:18:54 18 ARE THERE ANY HERE TO TRY TO MAKE THEIR CASE FOR
14:18:56 19 CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR? NO. THEY'RE HIDING IN THE DARK
14:19:00 20 PAYING FRONT GROUPS LIKE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO
14:19:02 21 QUESTION THE ACCURACY OF THE SYSTEM AND OTHER DUMB
14:19:04 22 POINTS TO PREVENT IMPLEMENTATION. AND WHY DID THE
14:19:08 23 FAILURE OF CONGRESS AND FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO
14:19:10 24 PROTECT LEGAL WORKERS' JOBS AND CITIZENS' WALLETS WE ARE
14:19:12 25 LOOKING TO MAKE MANDATORY E-VERIFY AN AMENDMENT TO THE

14:19:16 1 FLORIDA CONSTITUTION.

14:19:18 2 AS A PART OF THE CONSTITUTION IT WILL
14:19:20 3 PREVENT AN OPEN BORDERS GOVERNOR FROM EVER DECLARING
14:19:24 4 FLORIDA A SANCTUARY STATE. THANK YOU.

14:19:24 5 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR.
14:19:24 6 YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

14:19:30 7 MR. NATHAN: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS FRANK
14:19:32 8 NATHAN. I AM THE NEWLY APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR AT PAGE
14:19:38 9 REHABILITATION AND HEALTHCARE CENTER IN FORT MYERS. I
14:19:40 10 HAVE BEEN A LICENSED NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR FOR OVER
14:19:44 11 45 YEARS, 14 OF THOSE HERE IN FLORIDA, AND I HAVE
14:19:50 12 THEREFORE SEEN MANY CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN CARE AND
14:19:54 13 TREATMENT IN THE NURSING HOME ENVIRONMENT OVER THE
14:19:56 14 YEARS.

14:19:58 15 PAGE REHAB IS A 180-BED SKILLED NURSING
14:20:02 16 FACILITY THAT IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT. AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT,
14:20:06 17 WE ARE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING CARE AND SERVICES TO MEET
14:20:14 18 THE SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL AND HEALTH
14:20:16 19 NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY THAT WE SERVE.
14:20:18 20 WE STRIVE TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT
14:20:24 21 ENCOURAGES DIGNITY, PERSONAL GROWTH, HAPPINESS AND
14:20:28 22 SELF-ESTEEM WHILE VALUING A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND
14:20:32 23 INDEPENDENCE.

14:20:32 24 MY PURPOSE TODAY IS TO URGE YOU TO VOTE
14:20:36 25 AGAINST PROPOSAL 88 WHICH SAYS IT'S ABOUT RESIDENTS'

14:20:44 1 RIGHTS. WE MUST PROTECT THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF SENIOR
14:20:48 2 CITIZENS, AND THERE ARE ALREADY LAWS ON THE BOOKS FROM
14:20:52 3 THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS
14:20:58 4 ENSURING THOSE RIGHTS. THOSE LAWS ARE USED BY STATE
14:21:02 5 SURVEYORS, LOCAL OMBUDSMEN AND OTHERS TO ENSURE NURSING
14:21:08 6 HOME CARE IS RESIDENT-FOCUSED, PROMOTES RESIDENT DIGNITY
14:21:12 7 AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

14:21:14 8 THERE IS NO NEED FOR PROPOSAL 88 WHICH SEEMS
14:21:18 9 TO BE GEARED TO SUING NURSING HOMES MORE THAN ENSURING
14:21:24 10 RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO CARE AND SERVICES THEY NEED.
14:21:28 11 LITIGATION AGAINST NURSING HOMES DRAINS RESOURCES WE
14:21:28 12 HAVE.

14:21:32 13 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR, FOR
14:21:32 14 YOUR COMMENTS. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

14:21:42 15 MS. SHEEHAN: JUST RECENTLY THE DIRECTOR OF
14:21:42 16 A LOCAL CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER SHARED THAT WHEN MINOR
14:21:48 17 GIRLS DISCOVER THEY ARE PREGNANT, AND NOT WANTING THEIR
14:21:52 18 PARENTS TO KNOW, THEY OFTEN RESORT TO THE ABORTION PILL
14:21:56 19 IN DESPERATION. OFTEN THEY EXPERIENCE THE TRAUMA OF
14:21:58 20 GOING THROUGH LABOR AND DELIVERY AT HOME WITH LABOR
14:22:02 21 SOMETIMES TAKING THREE DAYS, NEVER HAVING EXPERIENCED
14:22:04 22 THIS BEFORE AND ALL ALONE.

14:22:06 23 ONE 15-YEAR-OLD WAS SO DISTRAUGHT WHEN SHE
14:22:10 24 DELIVERED A TINY BABY WITH HER PERFECTLY FORMED FINGERS
14:22:14 25 AND TOES, NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO, CALLED THE PLANNED

14:22:18 1 PARENTHOOD THAT HAD GIVEN HER THE ABORTION PILL TO ASK
14:22:20 2 THEM WHAT TO DO. THEIR ANSWER, "FLUSH IT DOWN THE
14:22:24 3 TOILET." KNOWING THAT SHE COULD NEVER DO THAT, SHE
14:22:28 4 PLACED THE CHILD IN A BOX AND BURIED IT.

14:22:30 5 HOW IS IT THAT THIS COMMISSION WILL NOT
14:22:34 6 ALLOW PROPOSAL 22 TO BE VOTED UPON BY THE CITIZENS OF
14:22:38 7 THE STATE IN NOVEMBER WHEN THESE ATROCITIES ARE
14:22:42 8 HAPPENING IN THE STATE TO MINOR GIRLS AND THEIR UNBORN
14:22:46 9 CHILDREN AND WHEN SO MANY CITIZENS HAVE VOICED THEIR
14:22:50 10 DESIRE THAT PROPOSAL 22 BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AT THESE
14:22:54 11 COMMISSION MEETINGS?

14:22:54 12 PROPOSAL 22 WOULD PREVENT MINOR GIRLS FROM
14:22:58 13 THE ABOVE MENTIONED SCENARIO BY ALLOWING THE LEGISLATURE
14:23:00 14 TO ALLOW PARENTAL CONSENT LAWS AND REASONABLE LAWS THAT
14:23:04 15 WOULD PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF MINOR
14:23:06 16 GIRLS AND THEIR UNBORN CHILDREN. CLEARLY, THE FLORIDA
14:23:06 17 SUPREME COURT HAS BETRAYED PARENTS AND VICTIMIZED MINOR
14:23:14 18 GIRLS OF THIS STATE USING ARTICLE I SECTION 23 TO CREATE
14:23:18 19 ANEW, RIGHTS FOR ABORTION FOR MINORS WITHOUT THEIR
14:23:20 20 PARENT'S CONSENT AND KNOWLEDGE. I RESPECTFULLY ASK THE
14:23:24 21 CRC TO RESURRECT PROPOSAL 22 TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT
14:23:28 22 IN NOVEMBER. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

14:23:32 23 COMMISSIONER: YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD
14:23:32 24 PLEASE, MA'AM.

14:23:34 25 MS. SHEEHAN: ELIZABETH F. SHEEHAN. THANK

14:23:36 1 YOU.

14:23:36 2 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU.

14:23:36 3 MR. THEIL: COMMISSIONERS. I AM CAREY THEIL

14:23:40 4 WITH GREY2K USA. IT'S WITH GREAT HONOR TO SPEAK WITH

14:23:44 5 YOU TODAY. WE'RE SHARING WITH YOU A FEW STORIES OF DOGS

14:23:48 6 THAT DIED IN THE RACING INDUSTRY. I JUST WANTED TO

14:23:52 7 HIGHLIGHT THAT WE'RE NOT CHERRY PICKING INDIVIDUAL DOGS.

14:23:56 8 THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING COMMONLY MONTH AFTER MONTH.

14:23:58 9 AND JUST FOR EXAMPLE, THESE ARE THE GREYHOUND DEATH

14:24:02 10 REPORTS THAT WE JUST RECEIVED DAYS AGO FROM THE STATE

14:24:04 11 FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2017. THESE HAVE NOT BEEN

14:24:08 12 MADE PUBLIC YET. JUST IN THAT MONTH 10 GREYHOUNDS DIED

14:24:12 13 AND THAT'S A NORMAL NUMBER FOR A MONTH IN FLORIDA. A

14:24:18 14 DOG NAMED B.S. JARROD SNAPPED HIS SPINAL CORD -- THAT'S

14:24:20 15 A DIRECT QUOTE -- ON OCTOBER 6TH AT PALM BEACH. A DOG

14:24:22 16 NAMED JOSEY, F.G.F. JOSEY WAS STRUCK BY ANOTHER DOG AND

14:24:26 17 DIED FROM A "RUPTURED ORGAN" AT DAYTONA ON OCTOBER 9TH.

14:24:30 18 A DOG NAMED FLIPPIN BUBBA SUFFERED A BROKEN BACK AND

14:24:38 19 DIED AT ORANGE PARKS ON OCTOBER 14. JUST SIX HOURS

14:24:38 20 LATER AT THAT SAME TRACK A DOG NAMED SCOTTISH SCOURGE

14:24:44 21 SUFFERED A BROKEN LEG AND WAS KILLED.

14:24:46 22 THE MOST TRAGIC REPORT IS THE ONE ON TOP.

14:24:48 23 THIS IS A HANDWRITTEN REPORT DATED OCTOBER 10TH FROM THE

14:24:52 24 FLORIDA KENNEL COMPOUND IN HIALEAH. IT DOESN'T HAVE THE

14:24:56 25 DOG'S NAME, IT SIMPLY HAS A TATTOO NUMBER FOR THE DOG

14:24:58 1 AND IT SAYS "FELL INTO THE RAIL AND I ASSUME GOT
14:25:02 2 ELECTRICITY." SHE WAS DECEASED IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS.
14:25:06 3 THESE ARE NOT SOB STORIES. THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN
14:25:10 4 THIS INDUSTRY MONTH AFTER MONTH, YEAR AFTER YEAR. AND
14:25:14 5 THIS STEADY DRUMBEAT OF DOG DEATHS WILL CONTINUE. YOU
14:25:18 6 HAVE A CHANCE TO LET VOTERS WEIGH IN, TO LET VOTERS END
14:25:22 7 THIS. SO PLEASE, ON BEHALF OF THESE DOGS GIVE VOTERS A
14:25:28 8 CHANCE TO DECIDE IF THIS IS WHAT THEY WANT TO CONTINUE
14:25:30 9 IN THEIR STATE. THANK YOU.

14:25:32 10 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. I'M GOING
14:25:32 11 TO CALL A FEW MORE NAMES HERE AND RECALL SOME: TROY
14:25:36 12 CHURCHILL AND LAWRENCE GILLIS, SHAVON CHESTER, DYLAN
14:25:50 13 BAIERLEIN, CHARLIE MIRSKY AND DAVID HOGG. GO AHEAD,
14:25:50 14 MA'AM. THANK YOU.

14:25:50 15 MS. BONNER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIM
14:25:52 16 BONNER AND I'M A CIRCUIT JUDGE IN THE 12TH JUDICIAL
14:25:56 17 CIRCUIT. I AM STANDING IN FOR MY CHIEF JUDGE, CHARLES
14:26:00 18 WILLIAMS, TO ADDRESS PROPOSAL 26 AND SPECIFICALLY
14:26:02 19 LANGUAGE IN THAT PROPOSAL THAT DEALS WITH THE CONTROL OF
14:26:08 20 COURTHOUSE SECURITY AND THE SHERIFF'S ROLE IN THAT.

14:26:12 21 IT IS THE COURT'S POSITION THAT THAT
14:26:14 22 PARTICULAR LANGUAGE IN PROPOSAL 26 IS UNNECESSARY; AND I
14:26:18 23 AM PLEASED THAT WE HAVE, THROUGH OUR COLLABORATIVE
14:26:22 24 EFFORTS WITH THE SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION AND THE COURTS,
14:26:24 25 COME UP WITH STATUTORY LANGUAGE THAT ADDRESSES

14:26:28 1 LEGITIMATE CONCERNS ON BOTH SIDES THAT IS NOW PENDING
14:26:32 2 AND THAT IS PART OF AN ONGOING COLLABORATIVE EFFORT THAT
14:26:34 3 HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR MANY YEARS AND WILL CONTINUE IN
14:26:38 4 THE FUTURE. WE DO BELIEVE THAT STATUTORY SOLUTION IS
14:26:42 5 THE APPROPRIATE WAY TO DEAL WITH THAT; AND IT IS MY
14:26:44 6 UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL BE AN AMENDMENT BEFORE THE
14:26:46 7 COMMISSION THAT WOULD DELETE THAT SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FROM
14:26:50 8 PROPOSAL 26 AND KEEP INTACT ITS ORIGINAL ITERATION,
14:26:56 9 WHICH WAS TO CREATE THE NEW FDLE OFFICE OF
14:27:00 10 COUNTER-TERRORISM AND WE DO SUPPORT THAT. SO WE DO
14:27:02 11 APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS. AND I'M PLEASED THAT WE BELIEVE
14:27:06 12 THE STATUTORY SOLUTION IS GOING TO GIVE US MORE
14:27:08 13 FLEXIBILITY GOING FORWARD AND AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO DEAL
14:27:12 14 WITH THAT. SO WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHEN IT IS BEFORE THE
14:27:16 15 FULL COMMISSION THAT YOU ARE IN SUPPORT OF THAT
14:27:16 16 AMENDMENT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14:27:18 17 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU.

14:27:24 18 MR. BAIERLEIN: MY NAME IS DYLAN BAIERLEIN.
14:27:26 19 I GRADUATED FROM MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL
14:27:30 20 LAST YEAR. I AM HERE WITH A FEW OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
14:27:36 21 NEVER AGAIN MOVEMENT.

14:27:36 22 ON FEBRUARY 24TH A TRAGEDY OCCURRED AT
14:27:42 23 MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL AND IT IS NOW MARCH
14:27:42 24 5TH AND NOTHING HAS CHANGED. BILLS HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN
14:27:46 25 AND NOTHING HAS PASSED. LOCAL LEGISLATION HAS LET US

14:27:48 1 DOWN. THE YOUTH OF OUR NATION HAS RALLIED TOGETHER IN
14:27:52 2 AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE THIS NECESSARY CHANGE AND OUR
14:27:54 3 ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE LET US DOWN. SO NOW I CALL UPON
14:27:58 4 YOU ALL HERE TODAY AS APPOINTED OFFICIALS TO HELP US
14:28:02 5 CREATE SIGNIFICANT AND NECESSARY CHANGE.

14:28:04 6 SECTION 790.33 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION.
14:28:08 7 THIS STATUTE IS THE REASON FOR RECENT INACTION IN LOCAL
14:28:12 8 GOVERNMENT. THIS STATUTE ALLOWS -- ALLOWED THE CURRENT
14:28:16 9 MAYOR OF TALLAHASSEE, ANDREW GILLUM, TO BE SUED BY
14:28:18 10 FLORIDA CARRY AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION, TWO
14:28:22 11 GUN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS FOR ATTEMPTING TO BAN THE USE
14:28:26 12 OF FIREARMS IN PUBLIC PARKS. IT ALLOWS CORPORATIONS TO
14:28:28 13 SUE LOCAL LEGISLATORS FOR ANY MOVE THEY MAKE THAT MAY
14:28:34 14 INHIBIT OR NEGATIVELY AFFECT IN ANY WAY GUN SALES. THIS
14:28:36 15 IS WHY LOCAL LEADERS ARE AFRAID TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT GUN
14:28:40 16 REGULATION IN OUR STATE. I UNDERSTAND A PROPOSAL SUCH
14:28:40 17 AS THIS IS NOT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION CURRENTLY AND
14:28:46 18 HAS NOT BEEN BROUGHT UP TO THE COMMITTEE, BUT I ASK THAT
14:28:48 19 YOU PROPOSE TO THE COMMITTEE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA
14:28:50 20 CONSTITUTION TO OVERRIDE OR REPEAL THE PREEMPTION OF
14:28:54 21 THIS STATUTE.

14:28:54 22 FINALLY, ALLOWING OUR LOCAL OFFICIALS TO
14:28:58 23 ENACT COMMONSENSE GUN LAWS IN OUR NATION. OUR NATION
14:29:00 24 NEEDS YOU AND MY GENERATION NEEDS YOU. WE CAN'T DO THIS
14:29:04 25 ALONE. THE PEOPLES' VOICE MUST BE HEARD AND YOU HAVE

14:29:06 1 THE POWER TO GIVE US ALL A CHANCE TO SPEAK UP FOR WHAT
14:29:10 2 IS RIGHT. FOR THE SAFETY OF FLORIDA'S YOUTH, PLEASE
14:29:12 3 HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND MAKE SURE TRAGEDIES SUCH
14:29:16 4 AS THESE NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN, NEVER AGAIN. THANK YOU.

14:29:18 5 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR.
14:29:20 6 SHAVON CHESTER.

14:29:22 7 MS. CHESTER: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS.
14:29:24 8 THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE TODAY. I AGREE
14:29:26 9 WITH THE PREVIOUS TESTIMONY OF MS. FRANKLIN, MS. SPEARS
14:29:26 10 AND MR. NATHAN. MY NAME IS SHAVON CHESTER AND I AM ALSO
14:29:34 11 FROM THE REHAB AND HEALTHCARE CENTER OF CAPE CORAL, A
14:29:36 12 SKILLED NURSING FACILITY THAT'S BEEN KEEPING THE CARE ON
14:29:38 13 THE CAPE FOR OVER 40 YEARS. I AM HERE TODAY BECAUSE
14:29:40 14 PROPOSAL 88 IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT RESIDENTS' RIGHTS.
14:29:44 15 IN REALITY IT'S WEAKENING THE RESOURCES THAT OUR
14:29:48 16 CAREGIVERS NEED TO CONTINUE PROVIDING OUR RESIDENTS WITH
14:29:50 17 THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE. PROPOSAL 88 WILL UNNECESSARILY
14:29:56 18 EXPOSE NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES TO
14:29:58 19 UNWARRANTED LAWSUITS. I AM ASKING YOU TODAY TO OPPOSE
14:30:00 20 PROPOSAL 88 ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CAREGIVERS, RESIDENTS
14:30:04 21 AND STAFF MEMBERS HERE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THANK
14:30:06 22 YOU.

14:30:06 23 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, MS.
14:30:08 24 CHESTER. I AM GOING TO CALL A FEW MORE NAMES: CLERK OF
14:30:12 25 COURT'S LINDA DOGGETT, MICHAEL RAJNER, JENNIFER

14:30:18 1 BODDICKER AND DIANA WALSH. GO AHEAD, SIR, YOU'RE
14:30:18 2 RECOGNIZED.

14:30:18 3 MR. MIRSKY: I'M CHARLIE MIRSKY AND I AM A
14:30:26 4 MEMBER OF THE NEVER AGAIN MOVEMENT. FLORIDA HAS
14:30:26 5 RECENTLY SEEN THREE HORRORS RELATED TO GUN VIOLENCE: AT
14:30:32 6 PULSE, FORT LAUDERDALE AIRPORT AND NOW MARJORY STONEMAN
14:30:36 7 DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL. IN LIGHT OF THESE EVENTS, GUN
14:30:38 8 REFORM HAS SHOT UP TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST TALKED
14:30:42 9 ABOUT ISSUES IN OUR SOCIETY.

14:30:42 10 DESPITE ALL THE PUBLIC OUTCRIES FOR CHANGE,
14:30:44 11 THE ONLY LEGISLATIVE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE IS TO
14:30:48 12 PUNISH COMPANIES WHO HAVE WITHDRAWN BENEFITS GIVEN TO
14:30:54 13 NRA MEMBERS. OUR GOVERNOR HAS FAILED US. OUR FLORIDA
14:30:56 14 LEGISLATURE HAS FAILED TO TAKE ACTION. SO WE COME TO
14:31:00 15 YOU HOPING THAT THIS TIME IT WILL BE DIFFERENT. YOU ALL
14:31:04 16 HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE.
14:31:06 17 THIS MEETING, COINCIDENTALLY, OCCURS ONCE EVERY 20
14:31:10 18 YEARS. DESPITE ALL THE WORK WE HAVE DONE, ALL WE COME
14:31:12 19 HERE TO ASK OF YOU IS TO LEAVE THIS DECISION TO THE
14:31:16 20 PEOPLE. DON'T YOU THINK IT IS COMMON SENSE THAT IF THE
14:31:18 21 PEOPLE OF FLORIDA WANT SOMETHING TO HAPPEN THAT IT IS
14:31:22 22 YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON
14:31:26 23 IT?

14:31:26 24 IT IS IMPORTANT TO THINK AHEAD. WHAT SIDE
14:31:30 25 OF THE INDUSTRY DO YOU WANT TO BE ON? NOW, TO CLARIFY,

14:31:32 1 NONE OF US WANT TO TAKE AWAY EVERYONE'S GUNS. NO ONE IS
14:31:36 2 SUGGESTING THAT YOU CAN'T GO HUNTING, BUT THE LAST TIME
14:31:40 3 I CHECKED, DEER DO NOT WEAR BULLETPROOF VESTS. THE LAST
14:31:40 4 TIME I CHECKED, YOU DON'T NEED A HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINE
14:31:42 5 TO FIRE AT A GUN RANGE. WE ALL KNOW THAT A LINE MUST BE
14:31:46 6 DRAWN. NO ONE SAYS PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY A
14:31:46 7 GRENADE LAUNCHER OR A BAZOOKA. MACHINE GUNS ARE
14:31:46 8 ILLEGAL.

14:31:52 9 I BELIEVE THE LINE SHOULD BE DRAWN BEFORE
14:31:54 10 THE PURCHASE OF THE SAME WEAPON USED TO MURDER A DOZEN
14:31:58 11 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. DON'T YOU THINK THE PEOPLE OF
14:32:00 12 FLORIDA SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW THAT
14:32:02 13 LINE? THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
14:32:04 14 DISPLAY OUR VOICES TO YOU. AND I HOPE YOU TAKE OUR
14:32:08 15 OPINIONS INTO CONSIDERATION.

14:32:08 16 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
14:32:10 17 MA'AM. YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

14:32:10 18 MS. BODDICKER: HI. I'M DR. JENNIFER
14:32:14 19 BODDICKER. I AM A PARENT WITH TWO CHILDREN IN PUBLIC
14:32:16 20 SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA. I AM VERY CONCERNED WITH THEIR
14:32:22 21 EDUCATION AND THEIR SAFETY IN LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS IN
14:32:24 22 PARKLAND, FLORIDA. I WOULD URGE YOU TO ADD AN AMENDMENT
14:32:28 23 BANNING MILITARY-STYLE ASSAULT RIFLES AND HIGH CAPACITY
14:32:32 24 MAGAZINES SO THAT THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA CAN SPEAK UP
14:32:36 25 AND ACTUALLY HEAR -- HAVE OUR VOICES HEARD.

14:32:40 1 I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT ANY MEASURE THAT
14:32:44 2 WOULD ALLOW PUBLIC EDUCATION DOLLARS TO BE DIVERTED TO
14:32:48 3 RELIGIOUS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON
14:32:52 4 PROPOSALS 4 AND 45.

14:32:52 5 I'D ALSO OPPOSE ALL MEASURES SEEKING TO
14:32:56 6 SHIFT POWER FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO THE STATE,
14:32:56 7 PARTICULARLY THOSE IMPACTING OUR SCHOOLS, SO I WOULD
14:33:00 8 URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 43 WHICH WOULD DICTATE
14:33:04 9 THE TERM LIMITS FOR SCHOOL BOARDS, AND PROPOSAL 71 WHICH
14:33:08 10 WOULD TAKE CONTROL OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AWAY FROM OUR
14:33:10 11 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

14:33:12 12 I WOULD ALSO URGE YOU TO REJECT THE MULTIPLE
14:33:18 13 PROPOSALS UNDERMINING PUBLIC EDUCATION, INCLUDING
14:33:18 14 PROPOSAL 72 WHICH WOULD TIE THE HANDS OF FUTURE
14:33:22 15 LAWMAKERS AND PERPETUATE THE CURRENT UNDERFUNDING OF OUR
14:33:22 16 PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

14:33:28 17 IN SUMMARY, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD AN AMENDMENT
14:33:32 18 BANNING THE SALE OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH CAPACITY
14:33:32 19 MAGAZINES AND ALSO VOTE NO ON PROPOSALS 4, 45, 43, 71
14:33:38 20 AND 72 THAT UNDERMINE PUBLIC EDUCATION. THANK YOU.

14:33:40 21 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, MA'AM. MR.
14:33:40 22 HOGG.

14:33:42 23 MR. HOGG: HELLO. I AM DAVID HOGG. I AM
14:33:44 24 ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT WAS AT SCHOOL AT MARJORY
14:33:50 25 STONEMAN DOUGLAS ON FEBRUARY 14TH, AND AMAZINGLY ENOUGH

14:33:56 1 I SURVIVED AND WAS ABLE TO MAKE IT OUT OF THERE, BUT 17
14:33:58 2 OF MY FELLOW CLASSMATES, 17 OF MY FELLOW FRIENDS AND
14:34:02 3 AMAZING INDIVIDUALS THAT WANTED TO CHANGE THE WORLD AND
14:34:08 4 WERE GOING TO, ARE NO LONGER, AND SO THAT'S WHY I'M HERE
14:34:08 5 TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF TODAY.

14:34:10 6 TO BEGIN WITH, I'M HERE TO TELL YOU GUYS
14:34:14 7 THAT SPECIFICALLY WITH PROPOSAL 72 THAT WE SHOULD OPPOSE
14:34:14 8 IT BECAUSE THAT WOULD REQUIRE A SUPER MAJORITY AND IT
14:34:20 9 WOULD ESSENTIALLY MAKE IT MUCH HARDER FOR US TO ALLOCATE
14:34:22 10 SPENDING ON MENTAL HEALTH. MENTAL HEALTH IS A
14:34:24 11 BIPARTISAN ISSUE THAT WE CAN ALL SUPPORT AS DEMOCRATS
14:34:26 12 AND REPUBLICANS, WE CAN ALL GET BEHIND. THE NRA WON'T
14:34:26 13 BLOCK YOU FROM GETTING REELECTED. WE SUPPORT THAT, BUT
14:34:30 14 OBVIOUSLY OUR LEGISLATORS HAVE FAILED US. AS SUCH,
14:34:36 15 BECAUSE OF THEIR SUPPORT FROM THE NRA AND THE REFUSAL TO
14:34:38 16 TAKE ACTION, I THINK WE SHOULD REALLY BRING THIS TO THE
14:34:40 17 PEOPLE OF FLORIDA AND ENABLE THIS TO BECOME THE
14:34:44 18 DEMOCRACY THAT AMERICA IS AND THAT FLORIDA IS. IT'S
14:34:48 19 DISGUSTING WHAT'S HAPPENED AS MULTIPLE TIMES IN THE
14:34:48 20 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, BUT CLEARLY AS STUDENTS AND AS THE
14:34:52 21 FUTURE OF AMERICA WE MUST STAND UP NOW TO TAKE ACTION
14:34:56 22 BECAUSE OUR LEGISLATORS WON'T. BUT LUCKILY WE HAVE AN
14:35:00 23 ELECTION COMING UP AND THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE
14:35:04 24 REELECTED. SO I URGE YOU GUYS TO OPPOSE AMENDMENT 72
14:35:04 25 BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE KNEW WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE

14:35:08 1 SHOOTER, NICK CRUZ. A SUPER MAJORITY OF PEOPLE KNEW
14:35:12 2 WHAT WAS WRONG WITH NICK CRUZ, BUT THAT SUPER MAJORITY
14:35:14 3 WAS NOT ABLE TO STOP HIM, AND THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU
14:35:16 4 TO PLEASE OPPOSE AMENDMENT 72. AND WE'RE GOING TO
14:35:22 5 CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR LIVES REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU'RE
14:35:26 6 SUPPORTED BY, WHETHER THE NRA OR ANYONE ELSE. I WANT
14:35:26 7 YOU TO LOOK INTO MY EYES. I COULD HAVE DIED THAT DAY.
14:35:28 8 I WANT YOU TO FEEL THE BLOOD THAT EVERYBODY HAS AT THAT
14:35:32 9 SCHOOL AND ACROSS AMERICA PULSING THROUGH THEIR VEINS.
14:35:34 10 THAT'S THE FUTURE OF AMERICA. AND IF YOU GUYS REFUSE TO
14:35:38 11 TAKE ACTION, THAT'S ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO OUTLIVE
14:35:40 12 YOU BECAUSE WE WILL. THANK YOU.

14:35:42 13 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
14:35:42 14 MA'AM.

14:35:44 15 MS. WALSH: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS.
14:35:44 16 MY NAME IS DIANA WALSH. I AM THE COPRESIDENT OF THE
14:35:48 17 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF COLLIER COUNTY. WE URGE YOU
14:35:52 18 TO INCLUDE A BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY
14:35:56 19 MAGAZINES ON THE 2018 BALLOT. THE LEAGUE HAS A
14:36:00 20 LONG-HELD POSITION STATING THAT "WE BELIEVE THAT THE
14:36:04 21 PROLIFERATION OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC ASSAULT WEAPONS IN THE
14:36:08 22 UNITED STATES IS A MAJOR HEALTH AND A SAFETY THREAT TO
14:36:08 23 ITS CITIZENS." WE SEE PROOF OF THAT THREAT FAR TOO
14:36:08 24 OFTEN.
14:36:14 25 THE LEAGUE SUPPORTS REGULATING FIREARMS FOR

14:36:18 1 CONSUMER SAFETY AND HAS ADVOCATED FOR THAT POSITION
14:36:20 2 SINCE THE EARLY 1990'S WHEN THE SAFETY REGULATIONS WERE
14:36:24 3 SUCCESSFULLY PUT IN PLACE ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL,
14:36:28 4 INCLUDING ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN. WE JOINED WITH MANY
14:36:32 5 OTHER ORIGINATIONS CONCERNED WITH SAFETY AND DO SO NOW
14:36:36 6 IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA WHERE WE'RE JOINED WITH A WIDE
14:36:38 7 RANGE OF CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS. WE'RE
14:36:42 8 ASKING YOU TO PLACE A BAN ON THE BALLOT. THE CRC HAS
14:36:46 9 THE ABILITY WITHIN ITS RULES TO BRING THE ISSUE FORWARD.
14:36:50 10 WE WANT YOU TO DO SO. THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA WANT YOU
14:36:52 11 TO DO SO.

14:36:54 12 THERE ARE OTHER CRC PROPOSALS OF CONCERN TO
14:37:00 13 US. THE LEAGUE OPPOSES ANY MEASURE THAT WOULD ALLOW
14:37:00 14 PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDS TO BE REDIRECTED TO RELIGIOUS OR
14:37:04 15 PRIVATE SCHOOLS, INCLUDING PROPOSALS 4 AND 45. WE URGE
14:37:08 16 YOU TO VOTE NO. THE LEAGUE OPPOSES ALL MEASURES THAT
14:37:10 17 WOULD REMOVE POWER FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND GIVE IT TO
14:37:14 18 THE STATE, INCLUDING PROPOSAL 43 AND PROPOSAL 71. IF
14:37:20 19 THE ISSUE OF THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY COMES UP FOR THE FULL
14:37:22 20 COMMISSION TO RECONSIDER, WE ASK THAT YOU PRESERVE THE
14:37:28 21 RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN FLORIDA BY VOTING NO ON PROPOSITION
14:37:32 22 22.

14:37:32 23 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
14:37:32 24 SIR.

14:37:34 25 MR. RAJNER: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS.

14:37:36 1 MY NAME IS MICHAEL RAJNER AND I'M FROM BROWARD COUNTY.
14:37:40 2 I HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE UP WITH MANY OF THESE
14:37:42 3 STUDENTS FROM MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS AND I ENCOURAGE
14:37:46 4 YOU TO LISTEN TO THEM TODAY. THEY ARE ENCOURAGING THIS
14:37:48 5 COMMISSION TO BAN ASSAULT-STYLE WEAPONS AND HIGH
14:37:52 6 CAPACITY MAGAZINES. THEY HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY
14:37:54 7 AND ONLY PLACE YOUR CHILDREN, YOU AND I AND OTHERS IN
14:37:58 8 DANGER. THESE WEAPONS DO NOT BELONG IN THE HANDS OF THE
14:37:58 9 ORDINARY CIVILIAN FOR HUNTING FOR SPORT OR PLEASURE OR
14:38:04 10 ANY OTHER REASON. THEY BELONG IN THE HANDS OF TRAINED
14:38:06 11 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MILITARY TO PROTECT US. THESE
14:38:10 12 WEAPONS OUT ON THE STREET ARE A DANGER TO US EVERY DAY,
14:38:14 13 WHETHER IT WAS THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB SHOOTING WHERE ABOUT
14:38:18 14 50 PEOPLE WHO ARE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER
14:38:22 15 WERE MURDERED, IF WHETHER IT WAS THE AIRPORT SHOOTING IN
14:38:26 16 FORT LAUDERDALE WHERE I LIVE OR WHETHER IT WAS AT
14:38:28 17 MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL WHERE SEVERAL
14:38:30 18 CHILDREN AND TEACHERS PERISHED.
14:38:32 19 THIS COMMISSION HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE
14:38:34 20 A LEGACY FOR THIS STATE, AND IT'S A LEGACY FOR THE
14:38:36 21 PEOPLE OF FLORIDA TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE
14:38:40 22 DECISION ON THEIR OWN SAFETY. THE SAFETY FOR THEM WHEN
14:38:44 23 THEY GO TO THE MOVIE THEATERS, THE SAFETY FOR WHEN THEY
14:38:48 24 SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL, THE SAFETY FOR TOMORROW
14:38:50 25 AND A HOPE FOR EVERYBODY.

14:38:52 1 YOU KNOW, TODAY I WAS JUST STUNNED AS THE
14:38:56 2 STUDENTS WERE DEBATING BIOLOGY AND PLANT LIFE AND
14:39:00 3 CHLOROPHYLL IN THE CAR WHILE DRIVING UP HERE. THEY'RE
14:39:02 4 STUDENTS WITH HOPES AND DREAMS. THERE ARE STUDENTS IN
14:39:08 5 PARKLAND AND IN OTHER SCHOOLS WHO HAVE BEEN MURDERED AND
14:39:10 6 DON'T HAVE THAT CHANCE TO FOCUS ON BIOLOGY AND
14:39:14 7 CHLOROPHYLL AND MANY OF THE OTHER THINGS IN LIFE THAT
14:39:16 8 STUDENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE LEARNING AND EXPERIENCING IN
14:39:18 9 HIGH SCHOOL. THESE ARE AMAZING VOICES OF OUR FUTURE AND
14:39:24 10 THE PRESENT DAY. I URGE THIS COMMISSION TO BRING
14:39:26 11 FORWARD A BAN AND TO SET A LEGACY FOR A STATE
14:39:30 12 LEGISLATURE THAT HAS AGAIN MISSED AND IGNORED AN
14:39:34 13 OPPORTUNITY TO BE THE VOICE OF FLORIDIANS. THANK YOU.

14:39:36 14 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR. I'M
14:39:38 15 GOING TO CALL A FEW MORE NAMES: JENNIFER MURPHY, MARY
14:39:42 16 LEE MANN, GREG UNGRU, MELANIE MARSH AND DALE PERRIGO.
14:39:42 17 GO AHEAD, MS. DOGGETT.

14:39:50 18 MS. DOGGETT: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS.
14:39:52 19 I'M LINDA DOGGETT AND I AM THE CLERK HERE IN BEAUTIFUL
14:39:56 20 LEE COUNTY. EXCUSE ME. I AM A LITTLE EMOTIONAL ABOUT
14:39:58 21 THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY.
14:40:06 22 I AM HERE TO SPEAK ON PROPOSAL 55.

14:40:12 23 PROPOSAL 55 REPAIRS A WEAKNESS IN ARTICLE V
14:40:14 24 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION REGARDING CLERKS FUNDING.
14:40:16 25 IN 1998 THE PEOPLE ADOPTED REVISION 7 TO ARTICLE V WITH

14:40:22 1 THE INTENTION OF CREATING A USER-PAID SELF-SUSTAINING
14:40:26 2 FUNDING MODEL FOR A CLERK'S COURT-RELATED DUTIES. BUT
14:40:30 3 AS YOU KNOW, NOT ALL CASES FILED WITH AND WORKED BY THE
14:40:34 4 CLERKS HAVE FEES OR GENERATE REVENUE; AND OVER THE YEARS
14:40:38 5 THE CASES THAT GENERATE REVENUE, LIKE TRAFFIC TICKETS,
14:40:40 6 HAVE DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY AND NOW REVENUES DO NOT COVER
14:40:44 7 THE COST TO OPERATE THESE FUNCTIONS. SO IN THIS
14:40:48 8 SITUATION HAS ANOTHER INTENDED CONSEQUENCE AND THAT IS
14:40:54 9 THAT WHEN LEGISLATORS WANT TO IMPLEMENT GOOD POLICIES TO
14:40:58 10 IMPROVE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR OUR CITIZENS, THE NEGATIVE
14:41:02 11 IMPACT TO CLERKS FUNDING OFTEN PREVENT THOSE POLICIES
14:41:06 12 FROM MOVING FORWARD.

14:41:06 13 CLERKS PROUDLY HELP PEOPLE GET THROUGH THE
14:41:10 14 JUDICIAL SYSTEM, COMPLY WITH COURT ORDERS, AND WE
14:41:12 15 STRATEGICALLY IMPLEMENT EFFICIENCIES THROUGH SYSTEMATIC
14:41:16 16 AUTOMATION OF OUR THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS THAT
14:41:18 17 WE PERFORM EVERY DAY. WE PROVIDE ELECTRONIC DATA AND
14:41:22 18 CASE FILES TO OUR TRIAL COURTS. WE PROVIDE ACCESS TO A
14:41:26 19 -- TO OUR STATE PARTNER AGENCIES, TO A QUALITY STATEWIDE
14:41:30 20 DATABASE OF COURT CASES. THIS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
14:41:34 21 WILL GIVE CLERKS THE NECESSARY MEANS TO FIX WHAT HAS
14:41:40 22 BECOME A DANGEROUSLY DOWNWARD SPIRAL INTO INSUFFICIENT
14:41:40 23 FUNDING. IT IS NEEDED TO FIX THE BROKEN FUNDING MODEL
14:41:44 24 AND RESTORE CLERKS' ABILITIES TO SERVE OUR CITIZENS TO
14:41:50 25 PRESERVE THE CHECKS AND BALANCES WE PROVIDE EVERY DAY TO

14:41:52 1 THIS COMPLEX SYSTEM.

14:41:52 2 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, MS.

14:41:52 3 DOGETT.

14:41:54 4 MS. DOGETT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I

14:41:54 5 ASK YOU TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL 55. THANK YOU FOR YOUR

14:41:58 6 TIME.

14:42:02 7 MS. MANN: I WANTED TO THANK THE

14:42:02 8 CONSTITUTION COMMISSION FOR PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR

14:42:06 9 ALL OF YOUR CITIZENS TO SPEAK TODAY. I AM MARY LEE

14:42:10 10 MANN, AND AS A 30-YEAR MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA

14:42:18 11 SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, 16 OF THOSE YEARS

14:42:20 12 AS THE GUBERNATORIAL TRUSTEE ON THE BOARD, I AM HERE

14:42:24 13 TODAY TO ASK YOU TO HEAR ME SPEAK IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT

14:42:30 14 83 WHICH WILL PLACE THE COLLEGE SYSTEM IN THE STATE

14:42:38 15 CONSTITUTION UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

14:42:40 16 THE STATE BOARD HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF

14:42:42 17 WORKING WITH OUR INDIVIDUAL COLLEGES TO ENSURE A HIGH

14:42:46 18 QUALITY EDUCATION SYSTEM. PLACING THE COLLEGE SYSTEM IN

14:42:50 19 THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION WILL ELEVATE OUR SYSTEM TO A

14:42:54 20 MORE IMPORTANT AND STRONGER POSITION WITHIN OUR

14:42:58 21 GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM. IT WILL ALSO GIVE AND ENSURE

14:43:04 22 NEEDED CONTINUITY TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE STATE COLLEGE

14:43:08 23 SYSTEM. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND ALLOWING US

14:43:12 24 TO SPEAK TO YOU, AND PLEASE SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF

14:43:16 25 AMENDMENT 83. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14:43:18 1 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU.

14:43:24 2 MS. MARSH: HELLO. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE

14:43:26 3 TODAY. MY NAME IS MELANIE MARSH. I CAME UP OR DOWN

14:43:30 4 FROM ORLANDO. THIS IS FACEBOOK (HOLDING UP LARGE

14:43:34 5 PHOTO). HE WAS THE FIRST GREYHOUND DEATH REPORTED AFTER

14:43:38 6 STATE OFFICIALS STARTED TRACKING DEATHS IN JUST 2013.

14:43:44 7 SINCE THEN 454 GREYHOUND DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

14:43:48 8 FACEBOOK WAS BORN ON OCTOBER 2ND, 2010. HE HAD TWO

14:43:54 9 BROTHERS AND FIVE SISTERS. WHEN HE WAS 18 MONTHS OLD,

14:43:58 10 FACEBOOK WAS SHIPPED TO ABILENE, KANSAS SO HE COULD BE

14:44:02 11 AUCTIONED OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. HE WAS THEN HAULED

14:44:06 12 TO FLORIDA WHERE HE WOULD GO ON TO RACE 59 TIMES. ON

14:44:08 13 THE EVENING OF MAY 31, 2013, FACEBOOK SUFFERED A BROKEN

14:44:14 14 LEG DURING A RACE AT DAYTONA BEACH KENNEL CLUB.

14:44:18 15 ACCORDING TO STATE RECORDS, THE GREYHOUND FELL CAUSING A

14:44:22 16 COMPOUND FRACTURE. RATHER THAN BE GIVEN TO AN ADOPTION

14:44:26 17 GROUP, FACEBOOK WAS DESTROYED BY THE TRACK VETERINARIAN.

14:44:32 18 FACEBOOK WAS TWO YEARS OLD WHEN HE DIED, AND ON BEHALF

14:44:34 19 OF FACEBOOK PLEASE VOTE YES FOR THE DOGS FOR PROPOSAL

14:44:34 20 67.

14:44:38 21 NOT ONLY THAT, THIS ISN'T JUST A SOB STORY.

14:44:44 22 OVER THESE TIMES AND BEING AT THESE MEETINGS I HOPE SOME

14:44:48 23 OF YOU HAVE GONE AND SEARCHED YOURSELVES ON THE INJURIES

14:44:52 24 AND DEATHS THAT OCCUR ON THESE TRACKS. IT'S BRUTAL. I

14:44:56 25 JUST CAN'T BRING THE PHOTOS HERE. WHAT I SAW THE OTHER

14:45:00 1 DAY WHERE A DOG IN IRELAND SKIDDED ACROSS THE TRACK LOST
14:45:04 2 HIS WHOLE EAR. THERE WAS NOTHING BUT RAW FLESH. HE WAS
14:45:08 3 STILL ALIVE, BUT NOTHING IS EVER GOING TO GET HIS EAR
14:45:10 4 BACK. AND THEY'LL TELL YOU, OH, WE CARE ABOUT THESE
14:45:12 5 DOGS. WE TAKE WONDERFUL TREATMENT OF THEM AND IT'S
14:45:16 6 JUST, YOU KNOW, IF YOU CARE ABOUT SOMETHING YOU DON'T
14:45:18 7 PUT IT IN HARM'S WAY. AND IN A CIVILIZED SOCIETY WE
14:45:22 8 CAN'T HAVE BLOOD SPORTS WHERE SOMEBODY'S LIFE IS ON THE
14:45:26 9 LINE. IT'S JUST NOT THE WAY WE SHOULD BE. AND IN CHINA
14:45:32 10 WHERE THEY CLOSED DOWN THE --

14:45:32 11 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, MA'AM. I
14:45:36 12 AM GOING TO CALL A COUPLE MORE NAMES: MARILYN HAMILTON,
14:45:38 13 MICHELLE DAVIS OR DAVID, ROBIN BIRNHAK, DWIGHT BROCK AND
14:45:44 14 PAMELA MINTZ. GO AHEAD, SIR.

14:45:48 15 MR. UNGRU: MY NAME IS GREG UNGRU. I'M HERE
14:45:50 16 TO ADDRESS PROPOSAL 96, MARSY'S LAW. OTHER SPEAKERS AT
14:45:54 17 THIS PUBLIC HEARING WILL TALK ABOUT THE DEPOSITION
14:45:58 18 PROVISION OF THIS PROPOSAL AND HOW THE PROPOSAL WOULD
14:46:00 19 HARM THE DUE PROCESS OF DEFENDANTS. THEY WILL ALSO TALK
14:46:04 20 ABOUT A PANEL OF JUDGES, PROSECUTORS AND ATTORNEYS WHO
14:46:08 21 VOTED TO OPPOSE THE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS. IT IS
14:46:10 22 IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMISSION TO KNOW THAT THIS IS THE
14:46:14 23 SAME FLORIDA BAR WHO OPPOSED ANY VICTIM'S RIGHTS TO THE
14:46:18 24 CONSTITUTION 30 YEARS AGO, RIGHTS THAT AT THE TIME WERE
14:46:22 25 CONSIDERED PROGRESSIVE BUT ARE NOW SEEN AS ANTIQUATED

14:46:26 1 AND UNENFORCEABLE. I'D LIKE THE COMMISSION TO KNOW THAT
14:46:28 2 NOT EVERY STATE ATTORNEY AGREES WITH THEM.

14:46:30 3 I'D LIKE TO READ A PORTION OF A LETTER FROM
14:46:34 4 STATE ATTORNEY BRAD KING OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

14:46:36 5 "I HAVE BEEN AN ELECTED STATE ATTORNEY FOR 28 YEARS AND
14:46:38 6 A PROSECUTOR FOR 36. AS A LONG-SERVING STATE ATTORNEY I

14:46:42 7 WAS ASKED IF PROHIBITING DEPOSITIONS OF VICTIMS WILL
14:46:46 8 LEAD TO A RETURN OF PRELIMINARY HEARINGS AS THAT PROCESS

14:46:50 9 EXISTED BEFORE OUR MORE MODERN DISCOVERY PROCESS. THIS
14:46:54 10 ARGUMENT IS THAT YEARS AGO A DEAL WAS STRUCK. IF

14:46:58 11 DEPOSITIONS WERE ALLOWED THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR
14:47:02 12 PRELIMINARY HEARINGS. IF DEPOSITIONS AREN'T REQUIRED,

14:47:04 13 THEN PRELIMINARY HEARINGS WOULD SOMEHOW BE REINSTITUTED.
14:47:08 14 I CANNOT SEE THAT OCCURRING. THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM HAS

14:47:10 15 CHANGED DRAMATICALLY FROM THE 1970'S WHEN THESE CHANGES
14:47:14 16 WERE MADE. WE NOW HAVE AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDED

14:47:16 17 STATEMENTS OF MOST VICTIMS AS WELL AS OTHER WITNESSES
14:47:20 18 WHICH CAN SERVE TO INFORM THE DEFENSE AS TO THE FACTS OF

14:47:24 19 ANY CASE. I BELIEVE THAT THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS SHOULD
14:47:26 20 BE PART OF THE CONSTITUTION. IT IS A DOCUMENT THAT SETS

14:47:30 21 FORTH THOSE MOST COMPELLING OF RIGHTS BESTOWED ON OUR
14:47:36 22 CITIZENS. IT IS TIME THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS OF

14:47:38 23 VICTIMS AND SHOULD NOT BE SUBORDINATED TO THE CRIMINALS.
14:47:40 24 SINCERELY, BRAD KING." THANK YOU, SIR.

14:47:44 25 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR.

14:47:46 1 MS. HAMILTON: MARILYN HAMILTON. I'M HERE
14:47:48 2 TO REQUEST A NO TO PROPOSAL 6. I HAVE PERSONALLY BEEN
14:47:54 3 TO THE FARMS IN KANSAS. I'VE BEEN TO THE TRACK KENNELS
14:47:58 4 HERE. I'M NOT SAYING THESE PEOPLES' STORIES ARE SOB
14:48:02 5 STORIES, BUT I HAVE NEVER ONCE SEEN INHUMANE TREATMENT
14:48:04 6 AT THOSE KENNELS. I HAVE BEEN WORKING IN GREYHOUND
14:48:08 7 ADOPTION AND REHOMING FOR THE BETTER PART OF 20-SOME
14:48:12 8 YEARS.

14:48:12 9 I WANT TO KNOW ON JANUARY 1, 2019 WHAT ARE
14:48:16 10 YOU ALL GOING TO DO WITH OVER 15,000 DOGS IN THIS STATE?
14:48:18 11 THE HUMANE SOCIETY PUTS DOGS DOWN. WE CAN'T ABSORB THAT
14:48:24 12 MANY DOGS THAT QUICKLY. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.
14:48:26 13 THEY'RE WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL DOGS. I HAVE HAD THREE AS
14:48:32 14 PETS AND I STILL HAVE ONE. ONE LIVED TO BE 14 YEARS
14:48:34 15 OLD. I UNDERSTAND SOME OF THESE PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS, BUT
14:48:38 16 10,000 DOGS IN THIS STATE AND THEY WILL GET PUT DOWN.
14:48:42 17 YOU CAN'T ABSORB THAT MANY DOGS AT ONE TIME. WE HAVE
14:48:46 18 BEEN TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY IN INDIANAPOLIS. I'VE BEEN
14:48:50 19 TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY HERE. THEY ONLY HAVE SO MANY DAYS
14:48:54 20 AND IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. THERE'S GOT TO BE A
14:48:56 21 PHASE-OUT PROGRAM. THERE'S GOT TO BE A DIFFERENT WAY
14:49:00 22 THAN TO SHUT IT OFF ON JANUARY 1ST OF 2019. IT'S
14:49:02 23 JUST -- THAT'S INHUMANE.

14:49:04 24 THESE DOGS ARE BRED. THERE'S 8,000 CURRENT
14:49:08 25 RACING GREYHOUNDS IN THIS STATE RIGHT NOW AND THERE'S

14:49:12 1 PROBABLY OVER 5,000 MORE IN FARMS AND KENNELS IN THIS
14:49:14 2 STATE, PUPPIES. NOW, I'VE BEEN TO THE FARMS IN ABILENE
14:49:18 3 AND THERE ARE NOWHERE NEAR THOSE KINDS OF NUMBERS BEING
14:49:22 4 BRED, SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE THOSE NUMBERS ARE COMING
14:49:24 5 FROM BUT I DO KNOW THERE'S NOWHERE NEAR THOSE NUMBERS
14:49:28 6 BEING BRED ANYMORE. THANK YOU.

14:49:28 7 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
14:49:30 8 MA'AM.

14:49:32 9 MS. BIRNHAK: MY NAME IS ROBIN BIRNHAK AND I
14:49:34 10 RESIDE IN COLLIER COUNTY. I AM VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
14:49:38 11 PROPOSAL NUMBER 4 WHO'S INTENT IS TO AMEND ARTICLE I OF
14:49:42 12 THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION. AMONG OTHER RIGHTS SPELLED
14:49:48 13 OUT IN THIS SECTION IS THE RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.
14:49:50 14 WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY IN THIS COUNTRY IN SUPPORT OF THE
14:49:54 15 SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. WE KNOW THAT EACH
14:50:00 16 ENTITY, RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT THRIVES BEST WHEN
14:50:04 17 NEITHER HAS THE ABILITY TO EXERT INFLUENCE OVER THE
14:50:08 18 OTHER. PROPOSAL NUMBER 4 WOULD UPEND THIS BEDROCK
14:50:12 19 NOTION. IT DELETES THE LANGUAGE FROM OUR CONSTITUTION
14:50:16 20 THAT OUR STATE FUNDS FROM GOING TO THE AID OF ANY
14:50:22 21 CHURCH, SECT OR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.

14:50:24 22 AMONG THE OTHER RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS
14:50:26 23 PROPOSAL NUMBER 4 THREATENS THE VIABILITY OF OUR FREE
14:50:30 24 PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM. WITH INCREASING MOMENTUM OUR
14:50:38 25 LEGISLATORS ARE PROMOTING A SYSTEM OF VOUCHER-SUPPORTED

14:50:42 1 PRIVATE SCHOOLS, MANY OF WHICH ARE RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS
14:50:44 2 THAT COMPETE WITH TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR PUBLIC
14:50:48 3 FUNDING. TO WORK AROUND THE PROHIBITIONS OF GOVERNMENT
14:50:52 4 FUNDING DIRECTLY TO RELIGIOUS PRIVATE SCHOOLS, A
14:50:56 5 TAXPAYER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BASED ON TAXPAYER MONIES
14:51:00 6 DIVERTED FROM THE STATE'S GENERAL FUNDS WAS INSTITUTED
14:51:04 7 AND IS RAPIDLY GROWING. AS A DIRECT RESULT, STATE
14:51:08 8 REVENUES SUFFER AND MONEY THAT SUPPORTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
14:51:12 9 AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WILL BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES
14:51:14 10 OF REDUCED FUNDING.

14:51:18 11 PROPOSAL NUMBER 4 LEGITIMIZES THE SUPPORT
14:51:24 12 FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOLING, BUT WHY? PLEASE CONSIDER THE
14:51:28 13 WISDOM OF THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE THE PUBLIC VOTES TO AMEND
14:51:34 14 OUR STATE CONSTITUTION. THANK YOU.

14:51:36 15 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

14:51:38 16 MS. MINTZ: HI. I AM PAMELA VASQUEZ MINTZ.
14:51:42 17 I'M HERE TODAY TO OPPOSE PROPOSAL 22. I URGE THAT THIS
14:51:46 18 BODY NOT MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO CIRCUMVENT THE FLORIDA
14:51:52 19 SUPREME COURT DECISIONS IN ORDER TO PANDER TO THE
14:51:54 20 INTEREST OF A FEW VOCAL INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE TRYING TO
14:51:56 21 FURTHER THEIR IDEOLOGICAL AGENDA AT THE EXPENSE OF A
14:52:00 22 WOMAN'S ABILITY TO MAKE THESE MOST PERSONAL AND
14:52:02 23 DIFFICULT DECISIONS FOR HERSELF. PLEASE PRESERVE AS IS
14:52:06 24 THE PRIVACY CLAUSE IN OUR CONSTITUTION. THIS IS ONE OF
14:52:10 25 THE MOST PERSONAL DECISIONS A WOMAN MAY HAVE TO MAKE IN

14:52:12 1 A LIFETIME. TRUST WOMEN TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS
14:52:16 2 ABOUT THEIR OWN BODIES.

14:52:18 3 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO URGE THE COMMISSION TO
14:52:20 4 TAKE ACTION IN PREVENTING MASS SHOOTINGS LIKE THE ONES
14:52:24 5 THAT RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF 17 LIVES HERE AT A SOUTH
14:52:26 6 FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL. DOING NOTHING IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE
14:52:28 7 RESPONSE TO THE THIRD MASS SHOOTING IN FLORIDA WITHIN
14:52:32 8 THREE YEARS. THE MAJORITY OF FLORIDIANS, REGARDLESS OF
14:52:36 9 POLITICAL AFFILIATION, SUPPORT A BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS.
14:52:38 10 IT'S TIME TO LET THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA HAVE THEIR SAY
14:52:40 11 ON GUN SAFETY. THIS COMMISSION CAN AND SHOULD PUT THE
14:52:44 12 ISSUES BEFORE THE PEOPLE IN NOVEMBER.

14:52:46 13 I ALSO WANT TO VOICE MY SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL
14:52:50 14 67 AND ITS PROTECTION OF GREYHOUNDS. THANK YOU.

14:52:54 15 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. AND BEFORE
14:52:56 16 YOU BEGIN, I'M GOING TO CALL A FEW MORE NAMES: DWIGHT
14:53:00 17 BROCK, DALE PERRIGO, RYAN DEITSCH, ALFONSO CALDERON,
14:53:06 18 DIANE WILES, JUDY PONCE AND SONYA STRATEMAN.

14:53:14 19 MS. DAVIS: GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM MICHAEL
14:53:16 20 DAVIS AND I'M A RESIDENT IN BONITA SPRINGS AND I HAVE
14:53:20 21 WORKED IN THE ANIMAL WELFARE AND CONSERVATION INDUSTRY
14:53:22 22 FOR OVER 25 YEARS AND I AM CURRENTLY ON THE STAFF OF THE
14:53:28 23 HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

14:53:28 24 I AM HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL 67 FOR
14:53:32 25 THE GREYHOUNDS. I DRIVE BY THE GREYHOUND TRACK IN

14:53:36 1 BONITA SPRINGS REGULARLY. FLORIDA IS ONE OF THE LAST
14:53:40 2 STATES YET TO BAN GREYHOUND RACING. IT'S A CRUEL,
14:53:46 3 BARBARIC AND OUTDATED PRACTICE. IN MOST CASES THE DOGS
14:53:48 4 ENDURE A LIFETIME OF CRUELTY, TRAPPED IN CAGES FOR UP TO
14:53:54 5 22 OR 23 HOURS A DAY, MALNOURISHED AND DRUG-ENHANCED
14:54:00 6 RACING RESULTS. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL 67
14:54:02 7 AND END GREYHOUND RACING IN FLORIDA FOR GOOD. THANK
14:54:06 8 YOU.

14:54:06 9 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
14:54:08 10 MA'AM.

14:54:10 11 MS. WILES: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DIANE
14:54:12 12 WILES. I'M A 10-YEAR VOLUNTEER WITH A LOCAL OR SOUTH
14:54:16 13 FLORIDA ADOPTION GROUP OF GREYHOUNDS. I AM HERE ASKING
14:54:20 14 YOU TO VOTE FOR THE DOGS AND VOTE YES ON PROPOSAL 67.
14:54:22 15 FOR ME THIS IS NOT A JOBS ISSUE, OR A GAMBLING ISSUE AS
14:54:26 16 WE HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST. THIS IS AN ANIMAL WELFARE
14:54:30 17 ISSUE.

14:54:30 18 THE OPPOSITION SAYS THAT THE INJURY CLAIMS
14:54:34 19 ARE FALSE AND THE ANIMALS ARE WELL CARED FOR. MY
14:54:36 20 PERSONAL TESTIMONY I SHARE WITH YOU, MY FIVE DOGS, TWO
14:54:42 21 OF THEM WERE PUPPIES. THEIR MOM WAS SENT TO RESCUE WHEN
14:54:48 22 SHE WAS PREGNANT BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T RACE HER AND THEY
14:54:52 23 DIDN'T WANT THE PUPPIES. TWO OF THE DOGS THAT I HAVE
14:54:54 24 MULTIPLE VERY LARGE SCARS ON THEIR BODY. THAT TO ME
14:55:00 25 INDICATES THAT THEY WERE NOT WELL CARRIED FOR WHEN THEY

14:55:02 1 WERE INJURED.

14:55:02 2 AND LASTLY, ONE OF MY GIRLS HAD A SEVERELY
14:55:06 3 INJURED LEG THAT WAS NOT TREATED WHEN SHE WAS SENT TO
14:55:08 4 THE RESCUE. SO TO ME THIS IS NOT EVIDENCE OF AN
14:55:14 5 INDUSTRY THAT IS CARING FOR THE ANIMALS. THESE ARE NOT
14:55:18 6 SOB STORIES TO ME. THESE ARE REAL THINGS THAT WE NEED
14:55:20 7 TO ADDRESS. I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WE'LL DO WITH
14:55:28 8 THESE DOGS. WE COULD STOP BREEDING THEM EARLIER, THAT
14:55:32 9 MIGHT HELP AND THEN WE WON'T HAVE SO MANY WHEN THIS
14:55:36 10 BECAME EFFECTIVE. I AM ASKING YOU PLEASE VOTE FOR THE
14:55:38 11 DOGS, VOTE YES ON 67. THANK YOU.

14:55:40 12 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. MR. BROCK.

14:55:42 13 MR. BROCK: YES, MA'AM. MY NAME IS DWIGHT
14:55:44 14 BROCK. I'M THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN COLLIER
14:55:48 15 COUNTY. I'M ALSO A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AND A
14:55:50 16 LAWYER IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. I AM HERE SPEAKING ON
14:55:54 17 BEHALF OF 13 AND ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

14:55:58 18 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THERE ARE TWO
14:56:00 19 FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES IN PROPOSITION 13, ONE IS THAT A
14:56:06 20 CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER SHOULD BE ELECTED. I WANT TO ASK
14:56:10 21 YOU A QUESTION. WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD BE REPRESENTED
14:56:14 22 BEST, AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, ONE WHO IS ELECTED BY THE
14:56:18 23 PUBLIC AND TAXPAYERS OR ONE WHO IS IN FACT APPOINTED BY
14:56:24 24 THE COMMISSION? I WOULD SUGGEST TO YOU THAT CLEARLY
14:56:30 25 THEY ARE GOING TO BE BEHOLDING TO THOSE THAT PUT THEM IN

14:56:32 1 THE POSITION MORE.

14:56:34 2 IN ADDITION TO THAT, AS A CPA, INTERNAL
14:56:36 3 CONTROL IS A VERY IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF WHAT GOES ON IN
14:56:42 4 ALL BUSINESSES TO PROTECT THE DOLLARS THAT BELONG TO THE
14:56:48 5 PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN GOVERNMENT. INTERNAL CONTROL IS
14:56:52 6 THAT CHECK AND BALANCE THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE CLERK OF
14:56:54 7 COURTS AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE BOARD
14:56:58 8 MAKES THE DETERMINATION THEY WANT TO PAY AND THE CLERK
14:57:02 9 THEN MUST MAKE THE DETERMINATION BEFORE THE CLERK CAN
14:57:06 10 PAY THAT IT MUST BE LEGAL.

14:57:08 11 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOU KNOW A LONG TIME
14:57:12 12 AGO ALL CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA HAD THE LEGAL
14:57:16 13 RIGHT AND STANDING TO CHALLENGE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS. OUR
14:57:20 14 COURTS REMOVED THAT RIGHT, AND IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT HAS
14:57:24 15 GONE ON AROUND THE STATE YOU WILL SEE THERE HAS BEEN A
14:57:28 16 CONSTANT EROSION OF THAT FUNCTION OF THE CLERK OF COURTS
14:57:32 17 TO TRY TO GET THEM OUT OF THAT PROCESS SO THAT IT'S
14:57:36 18 CLEARLY ONLY ONE PARTY MAKING THAT DECISION. THAT IS
14:57:42 19 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. I SUGGEST TO YOU
14:57:44 20 THAT THAT IS NOT TO THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC. THANK
14:57:48 21 YOU.

14:57:48 22 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, MR. BROCK.
14:57:48 23 JUST A MOMENT AND LET ME CALL A FEW NAMES -- AND CALL A
14:57:50 24 FEW MORE, SO PLEASE LISTEN UP: RYAN DEITSCH, ALFANSO
14:57:56 25 CALDERON, JUDY PONCE, SONIA STRATEMAN, BARBARA GREGORY,

14:58:02 1 BRYANNA BALL AND BARBARA KANTER. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

14:58:06 2 MS. PONCE: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JUDY PONCE
14:58:08 3 FROM PALM BEACH COUNTY. THIS IS -- I AM SPEAKING ON
14:58:12 4 BEHALF OF ALFIE MONEY. MONEY WAS BORN ON JUNE 5TH OF
14:58:18 5 2010 PART OF A LITTER OF SIX PUPPIES. WHEN SHE WAS 17
14:58:20 6 MONTHS OLD, MONEY WAS SHIPPED TO SARASOTA KENNEL CLUB TO
14:58:22 7 BEGIN RACING. OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS SHE WOULD RACE 67
14:58:26 8 TIMES AT THREE DIFFERENT TRACKS, ENDING UP AT PENSACOLA
14:58:30 9 GREYHOUND TRACK. ON THE MORNING OF JANUARY 11TH, 2014,
14:58:34 10 MONEY WAS ENTERED INTO A PRACTICE RACE. ACCORDING TO A
14:58:36 11 STATE INVESTIGATION, MONEY FINISHED THE RACE BUT
14:58:40 12 COLLAPSED. HER STATE DEATH NOTIFICATION STATES THAT
14:58:44 13 MONEY WAS DECEASED BEFORE THE LEAD OUT TO GET HER TO THE
14:58:48 14 VETERINARIAN'S OFFICE. SHE WAS JUST THREE YEARS OLD.

14:58:52 15 I HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERING WITH A LOCAL
14:58:54 16 ADOPTION GROUP -- GREYHOUND ADOPTION GROUP IN PALM BEACH
14:58:56 17 COUNTY FOR OVER TEN YEARS. I HAVE SEEN THE THINGS THAT
14:59:00 18 THESE PEOPLE HAVE TALKED ABOUT: BROKEN LEGS, INJURIES
14:59:04 19 NOT FIXED.

14:59:04 20 I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT MY FIRST FEMALE
14:59:08 21 GREYHOUND. I ADOPTED HER AFTER COMING OFF THE TRACK
14:59:12 22 AFTER JUST TWO DAYS. HER NAME WAS APPLE. SHE WAS FULL
14:59:14 23 OF SORES. SHE HAD SCALY SKIN. HER HIND QUARTERS WERE
14:59:18 24 COMPLETELY BALD AND SHE WAS AFRAID OF EVERYTHING. SIX
14:59:22 25 MONTHS LATER ALL HER FUR CAME BACK, HER SKIN WAS

14:59:24 1 BEAUTIFUL. SHE GAINED PROBABLY TEN POUNDS BECAUSE SHE
14:59:28 2 WAS SO PAINFULLY THIN, AND SHE THRIVED. SHE WAS A
14:59:32 3 SOCIAL BUTTERFLY. SHE WAS EVERYBODY'S FRIEND. THINGS
14:59:34 4 DO HAPPEN IN THIS INDUSTRY. THERE IS A PRICE TO
14:59:42 5 CONTINUE RACING GREYHOUNDS. THE PRICE IS THE DOGS.
14:59:44 6 THERE ARE INJURIES, THERE ARE DEATHS AND IT'S ALL
14:59:46 7 PREVENTABLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14:59:48 8 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, MA'AM.
14:59:50 9 OVER HERE. GO AHEAD.

14:59:50 10 MS. GREGORY: MY NAME IS BARBARA GREGORY. I
14:59:54 11 MOVED TO NAPLES PERMANENTLY TO LEE COUNTY FROM CANADA IN
14:59:56 12 JULY OF 2016. I WAS IMPRESSED AND EXCITED WHEN I FIRST
15:00:00 13 LEARNED ABOUT THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION COMMISSION. I
15:00:04 14 THOUGHT HOW WONDERFUL, HOW PROGRESSIVE, WHY DOESN'T
15:00:06 15 EVERY STATE DO THE SAME THING? HOWEVER, THE REALTIES
15:00:08 16 PROVED TO BE MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE PERCEPTION. I
15:00:14 17 BECAME PART OF A GROUP OF CITIZENS INTERESTED IN
15:00:16 18 OVERTURNING CITIZENS UNITED IN AN EFFORT TO BEGIN
15:00:18 19 SWEEPING CORRUPTION OUT OF EVERY LEVEL OF OUR
15:00:22 20 GOVERNMENT.

15:00:22 21 SEEKING HELP FROM THE COMMISSION WITH OUR
15:00:24 22 MISSION, WE SENT IN OVER 18 PERCENT OF ALL THE PROPOSALS
15:00:28 23 YOU RECEIVED, YET THAT ISSUE WAS NEVER SATISFACTORY
15:00:30 24 ADDRESSED. IT NOW SEEMS TO BE ME THAT THE CRC IS NOT A
15:00:36 25 COMMISSION READY TO HEAR AND SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE

15:00:38 1 PEOPLE OF FLORIDA. IT IS A GROUP SET UP TO ENACT IT'S
15:00:40 2 OWN AGENDA BASED UPON BIAS AND GOVERNMENT SELF INTEREST.
15:00:44 3 THAT'S WHY I NOW FEAR THAT YOU WILL RESURRECT PROPOSAL
15:00:50 4 22 WHICH WILL DRAMATICALLY REDUCE THE PRIVACY RIGHTS OF
15:00:52 5 FLORIDA CITIZENS, INCLUDING A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO VOTE, TO
15:00:56 6 CHOOSE.

15:00:56 7 IN 2012, FLORIDIANS VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY TO
15:01:02 8 REJECT AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD HAVE REDUCED OUR PRIVACY
15:01:06 9 RIGHTS AND NOTHING HAS CHANGED. IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION
15:01:10 10 TO DO AS THE VOTERS WISH, THEN AND NOW, PERMANENTLY
15:01:14 11 REJECTING PROPOSAL 22.

15:01:16 12 HAVING SAID ALL THIS, PRIVACY RIGHTS MUST
15:01:20 13 STOP AT THE DOOR OF ASSAULT WEAPON OWNERSHIP. I URGE
15:01:24 14 YOU TO OPPOSE PROPOSAL 72.

15:01:26 15 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
15:01:28 16 SIR.

15:01:30 17 MR. DEITSCH: I DID NOT HAVE AN ACTUAL
15:01:32 18 PREPARED STATEMENT BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY FOR EVERYBODY
15:01:34 19 HERE, MY NAME IS RYAN DEITSCH. I'M A SENIOR AT MARJORY
15:01:44 20 STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL. I COULD TELL YOU MY STORY
15:01:44 21 BUT WE FRANKLY ALL HEARD IT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. I WOULD
15:01:46 22 JUST SAY I HAVE NOT ONE, BUT TWO UNITED STATES
15:01:52 23 CONSTITUTIONS, SO FOR ANYBODY WHO QUESTIONS IF I HAVE
15:01:56 24 READ IT, YES.

15:01:56 25 I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THIS COMMISSION

15:01:58 1 MEETING AS I HAVE JUST RECENTLY HEARD OF ITS EXISTENCE,
15:02:02 2 IT HAPPENS ONCE EVERY 20 YEARS. I AM 18 YEARS OLD.
15:02:04 3 THIS IS THE FIRST ONE I HAVE EVER SEEN AND FRANKLY I'M
15:02:08 4 NOT IMPRESSED. I HAVE SEEN SEVERAL PEOPLE LOOKING AT
15:02:12 5 THEIR SMART PHONES. THEY MIGHT BE DOING SOMETHING
15:02:14 6 IMPORTANT, BUT FOR SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS EVERY 20 YEARS
15:02:16 7 YOU CAN PUT IT AWAY FOR A FEW SECONDS. I AM HERE TO
15:02:20 8 ADVOCATE NEARLY EVERYTHING MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID TO
15:02:22 9 THE WORD AS DYLAN BAIERLEIN AND DAVID HOGG HAVE SO
15:02:28 10 ELOQUENTLY PUT, MANY THINGS HAVE TO CHANGE. AND FRANKLY
15:02:30 11 I HAVE HEARD JUST RECENTLY THAT THE BALLOT IS NOT
15:02:32 12 LIMITED TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PROPOSALS AND I BELIEVE
15:02:36 13 THAT PUTTING EVERYTHING TO THE PEOPLE AND ALLOWING THE
15:02:38 14 PEOPLE TO DECIDE ANYTHING. I'M NOT HERE TO PUSH
15:02:42 15 ANYTHING ON ANYBODY. I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR WHAT THE
15:02:44 16 MASSES HAVE TO SAY. THAT IS WHAT AMERICA STANDS FOR.
15:02:46 17 IT IS FOR THE PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE. AND THAT IS
15:02:50 18 WHAT WE ARE FOUNDED UPON AND THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE WE
15:02:52 19 SHOULD STAND UPON. AND ANYTHING THAT WE HAVE TO DO AND
15:02:56 20 ANYTHING THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED TODAY, AT THE VERY LEAST
15:02:58 21 IT COULD BE PUT ON THE BALLOT FOR THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE.
15:03:02 22 THANK YOU.

15:03:02 23 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
15:03:02 24 MA'AM.

15:03:04 25 MS. KANTER: HI. MY NAME IS B. B. KANTER.

15:03:06 1 I'M A VOTER FROM 34108 IN NAPLES. I AM HERE SPEAKING AS
15:03:16 2 A MOTHER AND A WIFE AND A GRANDMOTHER. I HAVE HAD A
15:03:20 3 VERY, VERY LUCKY LIFE. WHEN I WAS 18 IN NEW YORK STATE,
15:03:26 4 18 YEAR OLDS GOT THE RIGHT THE VOTE. WOMEN GOT THE
15:03:30 5 OPTION OF CHOOSING WHAT THEIR REPRODUCTIVE FUTURE WOULD
15:03:36 6 BE. I AM VERY SAD, I HAVE A SOB STORY TOO. I DON'T
15:03:40 7 THINK I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO LEAVE THAT LEGACY TO MY
15:03:44 8 CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. PLEASE SUPPORT THE HIGH
15:03:48 9 SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE HERE TODAY AND ALSO DO NOT PUT
15:03:54 10 PROPOSITION 22 BACK ON THE BALLOT. THANK YOU.

15:03:56 11 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
15:03:58 12 SIR.

15:04:00 13 MR. CALDERON: MY NAME IS ALFONSO CALDERON
15:04:02 14 AND I AM 16 AND I GO TO MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS.
15:04:08 15 ALTHOUGH MY COLLEAGUE REFRAINED FROM TELLING HIS STORY,
15:04:08 16 I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO EXPLAIN IT IN ORDER TO --
15:04:12 17 FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH.

15:04:14 18 FEBRUARY 14TH, VALENTINE'S DAY 2018, I WAS
15:04:18 19 IN MY FAVORITE CLASSROOM. IT WAS THEATER. I AM A
15:04:22 20 THEATER KID, SADLY. WE WERE ALL JUST MESSING AROUND AND
15:04:26 21 THE CLASS WAS ABOUT TO END TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRE
15:04:30 22 ALARM RANG. IT WAS KIND OF ODD AT THE TIME BECAUSE WE
15:04:34 23 HAD ALREADY HAD A FIRE ALARM DRILL THAT SAME DAY, SO
15:04:38 24 EVERYBODY WAS A LITTLE BIT CONFUSED. THEN AS MY
15:04:40 25 CLASSMATES WALKED OUT AND I STAYED BY THE DOOR I SAW

15:04:44 1 MASSES RUNNING BACK INSIDE OF THE CLASS, KIDS SCREAMING,
15:04:50 2 PEOPLE TELLING US TO RUN BACK. AT THE TIME I WASN'T
15:04:52 3 SURE WHAT WAS HAPPENING, BUT ONCE I SAW THE FACES OF
15:04:56 4 TERROR, DESPAIR, JUST SCARED KIDS, PEOPLE WHO I CONSIDER
15:05:02 5 FAMILY, MY FRIENDS, CRYING FOR THEIR LIVES. THEN OUR
15:05:06 6 TEACHER TOLD US TO GO INTO THE CLOSET IN THE BACK OF THE
15:05:10 7 CLASSROOM. WE WERE LOCKED IN THERE FOR HOURS. MY FIRST
15:05:14 8 REACTION WAS TO TEXT MY PARENTS AND TELL THEM HOW I WAS.
15:05:18 9 SADLY, MY PHONE IS BROKEN SO THE ALARM DOESN'T GO OFF.
15:05:22 10 NO MATTER WHAT I DO I CAN'T SILENT IT, SO AFTER I SENT
15:05:26 11 THAT TEXT TELLING THEM HOW MUCH I LOVE THEM AND THAT I
15:05:28 12 WAS PROBABLY GOING TO DIE, I HAD TO TURN MY PHONE OFF
15:05:34 13 WITHOUT KNOWING WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD EVER SEE IT OR
15:05:36 14 RESPOND. LUCKILY ENOUGH, I SURVIVED THE SHOOTING, BUT
15:05:40 15 MY CLASSROOM WAS RIGHT NEXT TO THE BUILDING WHERE THE
15:05:42 16 SHOOTER TOOK MOST OF THE LIVES, 17 HUMAN LIVES.

15:05:44 17 I JUST WANT YOU TO CONSIDER, BEING SOMEBODY
15:05:48 18 IN POWER, SOMEONE WITH INFLUENCE THAT COULD CHANGE THE
15:05:52 19 FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, PLEASE HELP US AND ACTUALLY DO
15:05:56 20 SOMETHING FOR ONCE SO NOBODY ELSE HAS TO DIE. THANK
15:06:00 21 YOU.

15:06:00 22 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
15:06:00 23 MA'AM.

15:06:04 24 MS. STRATEMAN: I AM SONIA STRATEMAN. I AM
15:06:08 25 FROM PALM BEACH COUNTY AND I'M HERE FOR YOUR SUPPORT

15:06:10 1 HOPEFULLY FOR PROPOSAL 67. OBVIOUSLY, ALL THESE KIDS
15:06:14 2 ARE BREAKING MY HEART.

15:06:16 3 FOR 14 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN DOING GREYHOUND
15:06:18 4 RESCUE. MY FAMILY AND I HAVE TAKEN IN OVER 2000
15:06:24 5 GREYHOUNDS. WE HAVE SEEN HORRIBLE THINGS. THE DOGS
15:06:26 6 COMING IN FROM THE TRACK, THE TICKS, THE FLEAS. I HAVE
15:06:30 7 SPOKEN ABOUT THIS MANY TIMES. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO
15:06:32 8 SPEAK ABOUT PHOEBE. HER NAME, PATSY LIGHTS OUT IS HER
15:06:38 9 RACING NAME. I HAD AN E-MAIL ACTUALLY FROM HER TRAINER.
15:06:42 10 SHE WAS -- SHE ASKED ME TO PLEASE HELP HER WITH THIS
15:06:46 11 PARTICULAR DOG. SHE HAD BROKEN HER LEG RACING AND SHE
15:06:50 12 WAS AFRAID OF LOSING HER JOB. HER BOSS WANTED THE DOG
15:06:56 13 EUTHANIZED SO I TOOK PHOEBE IN. I PICKED PHOEBE UP AND
15:07:02 14 HOUR AND A HALF TO GET THE VET. SHE CRIED THE ENTIRE
15:07:04 15 TIME. IT HAD BEEN FOUR DAYS SINCE HER BREAK. SHE DID
15:07:08 16 NOT HAVE ANY PAIN MEDICATION AND IT WAS OOZING -- THE
15:07:10 17 BANDAGE WAS OOZING BLOOD AND PUS. IT WAS DISGUSTING.
15:07:14 18 SO IT ENDED UP BEING TWO WEEKS BEFORE THEY COULD DO
15:07:18 19 SURGERY ON HER BECAUSE OF THE INFECTIONS THAT SHE STILL
15:07:22 20 HAD TRACK SAND IN HER SPLINT WHEN SHE WAS AT MY VET.
15:07:26 21 SHE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL SURGERY. IT WAS HER FRONT
15:07:30 22 LEG. SHE HAD A SUCCESSFUL SURGERY AND IS IN A WONDERFUL
15:07:32 23 HOME RIGHT NOW.

15:07:34 24 IT'S JUST ALL VERY, VERY COMMON AND I REALLY
15:07:38 25 HOPE THAT YOU CAN VOTE FOR DOGS. THESE KIDS ARE

15:07:42 1 BREAKING MY HEART AND IT TOOK ME A LITTLE BIT OFF.

15:07:44 2 PLEASE VOTE FOR THE DOGS FOR PROPOSAL 67. THANK YOU.

15:07:48 3 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. I'M JUST

15:07:48 4 GOING TO CALL A FEW MORE NAMES: MARGIE STEIN, RANDY

15:07:54 5 TOSCANO, ZACHARY MILLER, SPENCER CORDELL AND MONICA

15:07:58 6 BABCOCK. GO AHEAD.

15:08:00 7 MS. BALL: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, MADAM

15:08:04 8 CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS BRYANNA BALL.

15:08:08 9 I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON PROPOSAL 83. I ATTEND FLORIDA

15:08:14 10 SOUTHWEST STATE COLLEGE AND I AM HERE WITH A FEW OTHER

15:08:16 11 STUDENTS. I GREW UP IN A VERY LOW INCOME FAMILY. I

15:08:20 12 ALWAYS HAD A ROOF OVER MY HEAD, BUT OFTENTIMES IT WAS A

15:08:24 13 STRUGGLE FOR FOOD. I WOULD LET MY PARENTS HAVE MY

15:08:28 14 PORTION USUALLY BECAUSE I FELT THEY NEEDED IT MORE THAN

15:08:30 15 ME. MY FATHER WORKS THREE JOBS AND MY MOTHER HAD

15:08:34 16 CANCER.

15:08:36 17 GETTING A DEGREE I PLANNED TO BETTER MY LIFE

15:08:38 18 AND MY PARENT'S LIFE. I AM NOW GOING INTO MY JUNIOR

15:08:44 19 YEAR OF COLLEGE AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT WORKING TWO JOBS.

15:08:46 20 OVER 60 PERCENT OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS LIKE I

15:08:52 21 WAS WHO GO ON TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, THE FLORIDA

15:08:56 22 COLLEGE SYSTEM WAS MY AND IS THEIR ONLY ACCESS TO HIGHER

15:09:02 23 EDUCATION. SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING, THE FLORIDA

15:09:04 24 CONSTITUTION REFLECTS THE EDUCATIONAL VALUES OF OUR

15:09:08 25 DEMOCRACY.

15:09:08 1 I SUPPORT PROPOSAL 83 BECAUSE IT WILL
15:09:10 2 ENHANCE FLORIDA'S OVERALL COMMITMENT TO HIGHER
15:09:14 3 EDUCATION. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND I THANK YOU FOR
15:09:16 4 YOUR TIME.

15:09:18 5 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,
15:09:18 6 MA'AM.

15:09:20 7 MS. STEIN: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU ALL
15:09:22 8 FOR YOUR SERVICE. MY NAME IS MARJIE STEIN AND TODAY I
15:09:26 9 WANTED TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT CORRUPTION IN POLITICS.
15:09:30 10 I HAVE LIVED IN FLORIDA FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS AND THE
15:09:32 11 AMOUNT OF CORRUPTION IN OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM TODAY IS
15:09:36 12 UNPARALLELED.

15:09:38 13 A HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL STUDY LAUNCHED THE
15:09:42 14 U.S. COMPETITIVENESS PROJECT IN 2011. THIS WAS A
15:09:46 15 MULTIYEAR FACT-BASED EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND THE
15:09:48 16 DISAPPOINTING PERFORMANCE OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMY AND
15:09:52 17 THE POLITICAL SYSTEM. SO WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON?
15:09:56 18 CITIZENS ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THAT SOMETHING IS
15:10:00 19 DEEPLY WRONG WITH OUR DEMOCRACY, AND TODAY IN FLORIDA,
15:10:04 20 LOOKY HERE, WHAT WE HAVE IS A POLITICAL SYSTEM THAT DOES
15:10:10 21 NOT SERVE THE PEOPLE. IT SERVES ITSELF. IT SERVES
15:10:14 22 POLITICIANS, LOBBYISTS, SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ALL PARTS
15:10:18 23 OF THE POLITICAL INDUSTRY THAT MAKE MONEY THROUGH THE
15:10:22 24 ACTIONS OF THE POLITICIANS AND POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS.
15:10:26 25 WHAT HAPPENED TO INITIATIVE 11, THE WRITE IN

15:10:30 1 LOOPHOLE CURRENTLY DEAD IN COMMITTEE? WHAT HAPPENED TO
15:10:34 2 P62 TO INSTITUTE A TOP TWO PRIMARY, ALSO DEAD IN
15:10:40 3 COMMITTEE. IF ONE WATCHED THE CRC PROCEEDINGS, ALL OF
15:10:44 4 WHICH HAD BEEN VIDEOTAPED, BY FAR OF THE TOP THREE
15:10:48 5 MENTIONED ITEMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE WOULD BE VOTING.
15:10:52 6 THERE ARE 3.4 MILLION TAXPAYERS REGISTERED WITH NO PARTY
15:10:56 7 AFFILIATION. FLORIDA IS ONLY ONE OF NINE CLOSED PRIMARY
15:11:02 8 STATES IN THE COUNTRY. TAXPAYERS PAY FOR THE ELECTIONS.
15:11:06 9 AND HOW ABOUT A BAN ON ASSAULT RIFLES AND
15:11:10 10 HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINES. THEN AGAIN, WE HAVE A SYSTEM
15:11:14 11 THAT SUPPORTS INITIATIVES THAT HAVE VIRTUALLY NO MENTION
15:11:18 12 IN PUBLIC HEARINGS BUT EVIDENTLY HAVE THE INTERESTS --
15:11:22 13 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR
15:11:24 14 COMMENTS. AND I WILL LET YOU KNOW THAT PROPOSAL 11 IS
15:11:28 15 ONE OF THE 37 BEING CONSIDERED BY THE FULL COMMISSION.
15:11:30 16 GO AHEAD, SIR.
15:11:32 17 MR. TOSCANO: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS RANDY
15:11:36 18 TOSCANO. I AM THE SENIOR HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR AT
15:11:40 19 AVOW HOSPICE. I'VE ALSO BEEN IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR THE
15:11:42 20 LAST 15 YEARS IN HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP. I RESPECTFULLY
15:11:46 21 CREDIT THE CRC TO AMEND PROPOSITION NUMBER 54 AND TO
15:11:50 22 REMOVE HOSPICE. HOSPICE PROGRAMS ARE CURRENTLY ANALYZED
15:11:54 23 TWICE A YEAR BY HOFKA TO ADDRESS FLORIDA'S AND OUR
15:11:58 24 GROWING NEEDS. LOWER FAMILIES AND LOWER INCOME
15:12:00 25 NEIGHBORHOODS COULD LOSE ACCESS TO HOSPICE SERVICES ALL

15:12:04 1 TOGETHER IF CON IS REMOVED. AGAIN, I RESPECTFULLY
15:12:06 2 REQUEST THE CRC TO AMEND PROPOSITION NUMBER 54 TO REMOVE
15:12:14 3 HOSPICE. THANK YOU.

15:12:14 4 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. I'M GOING
15:12:14 5 TO CALL A FEW MORE NAMES AS YOU ARE COMING UP: MONICA
15:12:18 6 BABCOCK, MONICA BABCOCK, CHRISSY SALAZAR, MICHELLE
15:12:22 7 WOOD-STANLEY, DIANE RAMSEYER AND JENNIFER LEAF. GO
15:12:22 8 AHEAD.

15:12:26 9 MR. MILLER: THANK YOU, HONORABLE
15:12:28 10 COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS ZACHARY MILLER AND I AM A
15:12:30 11 CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY HERE IN FORT MYERS. I AM
15:12:34 12 SOMEWHAT OF AN ODDITY AMONGST CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS
15:12:34 13 IN THAT I AM A SOCIALLY CONSERVATIVE CRIMINAL DEFENSE
15:12:40 14 ATTORNEY. I BELIEVE IN PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND I
15:12:44 15 BELIEVE IN PUBLICLY-FUNDED CHARTER SCHOOLS AND I OPPOSE
15:12:44 16 ABORTION.

15:12:50 17 ADDITIONALLY, I AM A STRONG PROPONENT OF THE
15:12:54 18 CONSTITUTION PROTECTIONS OF THE ACCUSED AND THAT'S THE
15:12:56 19 REASON I'M HERE TODAY, TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO
15:13:04 20 PROPOSITION 96. AS THE LITERATURE INDICATES, THERE'S A
15:13:06 21 LOT OF GOOD STUFF IN PROPOSITION 96. NOW WHAT THE
15:13:10 22 LITERATURE DOESN'T TELL YOU IS THAT THE GOOD THINGS IN
15:13:12 23 THIS PROPOSAL ARE ALREADY PROVIDED FOR UNDER OUR STATE
15:13:18 24 CONSTITUTION AND THE FLORIDA VICTIM'S RIGHTS ACT.

15:13:22 25 UNDER OUR CURRENT STATE CONSTITUTION, CRIME

15:13:24 1 VICTIMS ARE GUARANTEED THE RIGHT TO BE FULLY INFORMED
15:13:28 2 ABOUT EVERY MINOR DETAIL THAT GOES ON WITH THEIR CASE,
15:13:30 3 TO BE FULLY PRESENT IN COURT AND OUT AT EACH AND EVERY
15:13:34 4 STAGE OF PROCEEDING, AND IMPORTANTLY, TO BE FULLY HEARD
15:13:38 5 NEARLY ANY TIME THEY WISH TO SPEAK TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
15:13:40 6 PROSECUTOR, DEFENSE COUNSEL, CORRECTIONS OFFICER,
15:13:44 7 EVERYBODY HANDLING THEIR CASE UNDERSTANDS PRECISELY WHAT
15:13:46 8 IT IS THAT THE VICTIM WANTS AND WHY. SO THAT'S ALREADY
15:13:46 9 COVERED.

15:13:52 10 NOW THE NEW STUFF. THE NEW CON, I BELIEVE
15:13:56 11 THREATENS TO UNDERMINE THE FLORIDA CRIMINAL JUSTICE
15:14:00 12 SYSTEMS. FOR INSTANCE, THE PROPOSITION WILL GIVE THE
15:14:02 13 VICTIM A RIGHT NOT TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. THIS MEANS
15:14:06 14 THAT THE STATE WILL NOT HAVE THE SUBPOENA POWER OVER
15:14:08 15 VICTIMS AND WITNESSES IN MURDER CASES. THIS WILL MEAN
15:14:12 16 THAT SOME OF THESE MURDERERS WILL GO FREE WHEN THE ONLY
15:14:16 17 WITNESS IS ALSO A VICTIM AND HE DOESN'T WANT TO GO TO A
15:14:20 18 HEARING. OKAY. SO IF THE SUBPOENA POWER IS TAKEN AWAY
15:14:22 19 FROM THE STATE, MURDERERS WILL BE RELEASED INTO THE
15:14:26 20 POPULATION AND THAT WILL BE AGAINST THE INTEREST OF THE
15:14:30 21 PEOPLE OF FLORIDA. THANK YOU.

15:14:30 22 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU, SIR.

15:14:32 23 MR. CORDELL: THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS.
15:14:34 24 ATTORNEY SPENCER CORDELL. AND TO BUILD ON WHAT MR.
15:14:36 25 MILLER JUST SAID, CRIMINALS COULD END UP WALKING FREE

15:14:40 1 BECAUSE OF THIS BILL. THIS CAN HARM THE ABILITY FOR
15:14:44 2 PROSECUTORS TO PROSECUTE THEIR CASES. I AM A BOARD
15:14:48 3 CERTIFIED CRIMINAL TRIAL ATTORNEY. I REMEMBER THE
15:14:48 4 FACDL, THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE
15:14:54 5 LAWYERS. I AM ON THE STATE BOARD FOR THAT AS WELL AS
15:14:56 6 THE LOCAL FACDL. AND MORE THAN THAT, I AM A FORMER
15:15:00 7 PROSECUTOR.

15:15:02 8 I'M HERE TO SPEAK TODAY AGAINST PROPOSAL 96,
15:15:06 9 NOT JUST FOR THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY BUT AS A FORMER
15:15:08 10 PROSECUTOR. THIS BILL COULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO
15:15:12 11 PROSECUTE CRIMINALS. ADDITIONALLY, THIS BILL IS
15:15:16 12 OVERBROAD. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL
15:15:22 13 RIGHTS ARE BETTER FOR THE BROAD RIGHTS. WE HAVE THAT IN
15:15:24 14 OUR CONSTITUTION NOW. WE HAVE VICTIM'S RIGHTS
15:15:28 15 DELINEATED IN OUR CONSTITUTION, AND THE SPECIFICS THAT
15:15:32 16 THIS BILL GETS INTO ARE BETTER HANDLED BY STATUTE. THE
15:15:36 17 IRONY IS THAT THE PROPOSERS SAY IT'S MARSY'S LAW. THIS
15:15:40 18 WOULD BE BETTER HANDLED AS A LAW.

15:15:42 19 ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS VERY LIKELY A
15:15:48 20 CONFLICT WITH THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION WITH MANY OF THE
15:15:52 21 PROVISIONS OF PROPOSAL 96. THAT GIVES US THE COST OF
15:15:54 22 RELITIGATING THESE ISSUES WHEN THE DEFENDANT DOESN'T GET
15:15:58 23 TO EXERCISE HIS CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS AND THEN IT
15:16:02 24 RE-VICTIMIZES THE VICTIM IF THE PROSECUTION ENDS UP
15:16:08 25 BEING THROWN OUT AND THE CASE ENDS UP HAVING TO BE

15:16:10 1 RETRIED.

15:16:12 2 WHILE IT'S A WELL-INTENTIONED BILL,
15:16:14 3 ULTIMATELY THE EFFECTS DON'T SERVE THE PURPOSE.
15:16:18 4 FINALLY, THE RIGHTS OF THE WRONGFUL ACCUSED COULD BE
15:16:22 5 STEPPED ON WITH THE RIGHT TO DEMAND SPEEDY TRIAL THAT
15:16:26 6 DOESN'T GIVE THE DEFENDANT A CHANCE TO PREPARE,
15:16:28 7 ESPECIALLY THE WRONGFULLY ACCUSED. THANK YOU.

15:16:30 8 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. I AM GOING
15:16:32 9 TO RECALL A FEW NAMES THAT I HAVE ALREADY CALLED:
15:16:36 10 MONICA BABCOCK, CHRISSY SALAZAR, MICHELLE WOOD-STANLEY,
15:16:44 11 DIANE RAMSEYER AND JENNIFER LEAF. GO AHEAD.

15:16:48 12 MS. LEAF: MY NAME IS JENNIFER LEAF. I HAVE
15:16:50 13 LIVED IN FLORIDA FOR 28 YEARS AND I LOVE THIS STATE.
15:16:54 14 TODAY I'M HERE TO SUPPORT A CALLBACK OF PROPOSAL NUMBER
15:16:58 15 62 TO AMEND THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION. I'M EXCEEDINGLY
15:17:02 16 CONCERNED, YAY, EVEN ALARMED WITH THE GROWING POLITICAL
15:17:06 17 POLARIZATION IN OUR NATION.

15:17:08 18 I BELIEVE AN OPEN PRIMARY SYSTEM IS CRITICAL
15:17:12 19 TO OUR STATE AND NATION'S ABILITY TO TURN THE TIDE ON
15:17:14 20 THIS POLARIZATION GIVING ALL OF US A VOICE. OUR CURRENT
15:17:20 21 SYSTEM IS RIGGED SO THAT THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD
15:17:24 22 CENTRIST, MIDDLE OF THE ROAD FLORIDIAN VOICE IS MUFFLED,
15:17:24 23 MUZZLED AND LOST COMPLETELY.

15:17:26 24 "PRIMARIED" IS A NEW WORD FOR ME. IT'S NOT
15:17:30 25 RECOGNIZED BY GOOGLE SPELLCHECK AS EVEN A WORD. BUT

15:17:34 1 MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S FINDING A NEW MEANING ISN'T IT?
15:17:36 2 WE HAVE ALL SEEN IT IN THE MEDIA. IT'S SHORTHAND FOR
15:17:40 3 HOW TO TAKE DOWN OUR MORE CENTRIST POLITICIANS.
15:17:44 4 PRIMARIED, IT'S SHORTHAND TO THREATEN OUR ELECTED
15:17:46 5 OFFICIALS WHO DARED TO WORK WITH THE OPPOSING PARTY
15:17:48 6 MEMBERS TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO OUR PROBLEMS. EVEN POPULAR
15:17:54 7 POLITICIANS, IF THEY COMPROMISE OR STRAY FROM THE MORE
15:17:56 8 EXTREME VIEWS OF THEIR PARTY WON'T MAKE IT BACK ONTO THE
15:18:00 9 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT WHERE WE ALL GET TO VOTE BECAUSE
15:18:02 10 THEY WILL BE PRIMARIED. IN AN OPEN PRIMARY SYSTEM SUCH
15:18:06 11 A THREAT HANGING OVER THE HEADS OF OUR ELECTED PUBLIC
15:18:08 12 SERVANTS WILL LOSE ITS POWER.

15:18:10 13 PROPOSAL NUMBER 62 FOR AN OPEN PRIMARY
15:18:14 14 SYSTEM IS AWESOME. I LOVE THAT THE TOP TWO VOTE-GETTING
15:18:18 15 CANDIDATES IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION WILL ADVANCE THE
15:18:20 16 GENERAL ELECTION. I LOVE THE PROVISION THAT PUBLIC
15:18:22 17 MONEY CAN'T BE USED FOR THE ELECTION UNLESS EVERY SINGLE
15:18:24 18 VOTER IS ALLOWED TO VOTE. THIS IS WHAT IS FAIR. THIS
15:18:28 19 WOULD BE DEMOCRACY. THIS WOULD BE AN ELECTION OF
15:18:32 20 GOVERNMENT BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE. THIS WOULD TURN US
15:18:34 21 AROUND.

15:18:34 22 PLEASE HELP US STOP THE SUPPRESSION OF SO
15:18:38 23 MANY OF OUR VOICES VIA OUR MOST FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT AS A
15:18:44 24 CITIZEN AND OUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN FAIR ELECTIONS. I
15:18:44 25 PLEAD WITH YOU, I BEG YOU. I AM BEGGING YOU TO COME TO

15:18:48 1 THE AID OF OUR DEMOCRACY BY PUTTING A CONSTITUTIONAL
15:18:52 2 AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NUMBER 62 ON THE FLORIDA BALLOT TO
15:18:56 3 ALLOW OPEN PRIMARIES. THANK YOU.

15:18:56 4 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: THANK YOU. AND AT
15:18:58 5 THIS TIME I AM GOING TO PASS THE GAVEL TO COMMISSIONER
15:18:58 6 STEMBERGER.

15:18:58 7 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, MADAM
15:19:06 8 CHAIR. NEXT FIVE NAMES: FRANK NATHAN, TRACEY
15:19:10 9 TALENTINO, JESSICA COSDEN, PATTY DUNCAN AND MARSHA
15:19:14 10 DAVIS.

15:19:26 11 MS. TALENTINO: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M TRACY
15:19:28 12 TALENTINO AND I LIVE IN NAPLES, FLORIDA. FIRST I WOULD
15:19:30 13 LIKE TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR YOUR TIME TODAY AND
15:19:34 14 FOR YOUR SERVICE. I AM HERE THIS AFTERNOON TO SPEAK IN
15:19:38 15 FAVOR OF PROPOSAL 67. FOR FAR TOO MANY YEARS GENTLE
15:19:42 16 GREYHOUNDS HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED BY THE COMMERCIAL
15:19:48 17 GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY. YOU HAVE HEARD FROM PREVIOUS
15:19:50 18 SPEAKERS ABOUT THE EGREGIOUS ABUSES INFLICTED UPON THESE
15:19:54 19 DOGS BY THIS INDUSTRY AND THE STAGGERING NUMBER OF DOGS
15:19:56 20 THAT HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE AFFECTED.

15:20:00 21 I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELFARE AND
15:20:04 22 PROTECTION OF THESE GREYHOUNDS. I AM CONCERNED FOR
15:20:06 23 THEIR SAKE AS WELL AS FOR OURS AS I BELIEVE IF WE CANNOT
15:20:12 24 EXTEND KINDNESS AND COMPASSION TOWARD ANIMALS WE ARE
15:20:16 25 COMPROMISED ON SOME LEVEL IN OUR OWN ABILITY TO EXTEND

15:20:20 1 KINDNESS AND COMPASSION TO EACH OTHER.

15:20:24 2 AS SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, A RENOWNED
15:20:28 3 THEOLOGIAN FROM THE 13TH CENTURY SAID, "IF YOU HAVE MEN
15:20:30 4 WHO WILL EXCLUDE ANY OF GOD'S CREATURES FROM SHELTER OF
15:20:36 5 COMPASSION AND PITY, YOU WILL HAVE MEN WHO WILL LIKEWISE
15:20:40 6 DEAL WITH THEIR FELLOW MEN."

15:20:42 7 I RESPECTFULLY URGE THE COMMISSIONERS TO
15:20:44 8 VOTE IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL 67 AND PLACE IT ON THE BALLOT.
15:20:50 9 THAT WAY WE THE VOTERS IN FLORIDA CAN DECIDE TO DO THE
15:20:54 10 RIGHT THING, AND THAT RIGHT THING IS TO RELEGATE THIS
15:20:58 11 CRUEL AND ABUSIVE INDUSTRY TO THE INDUSTRY BOOKS.

15:21:02 12 I ALSO WANT TO RESPOND TO A COMMENT BY
15:21:04 13 SOMEONE EARLIER. THERE ARE MANY HUMANE SOCIETIES AND
15:21:10 14 RESCUE GROUPS ACROSS AMERICA WHO DO NOT EUTHANIZE THE
15:21:14 15 ANIMALS THEY TAKE IN AND WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT
15:21:16 16 THESE RETIRED GREYHOUNDS. I AM A VOLUNTEER AT HUMANE
15:21:22 17 SOCIETY IN NAPLES. WE ARE ONE SUCH HUMANE SOCIETY.
15:21:24 18 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

15:21:24 19 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, MA'AM.
15:21:24 20 CAN YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME AGAIN?

15:21:30 21 MS. TALENTINO: IT'S TRACY TALENTINO.

15:21:32 22 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

15:21:38 23 MS. DAVIS: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS.
15:21:40 24 MY NAME IS MARSHA DAVIS AND I'M FROM VENICE, FLORIDA.
15:21:46 25 I'M HERE TODAY TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL 22.

15:21:50 1 WHILE IT HAS ESSENTIALLY BEEN KILLED IN COMMITTEE, SOME
15:21:56 2 THIRD PARTIES WANT TO REVIVE IT. PLEASE DON'T. THE
15:21:58 3 CURRENT LANGUAGE SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED AND NOT BE
15:22:02 4 CHANGED FOR A SMALL IDEOLOGICALLY DRIVEN GROUP OF
15:22:06 5 PEOPLE. THE EXTRA LAYER OF PRIVACY AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN
15:22:10 6 IS SOMETHING THE STATE OF FLORIDA SHOULD BE VERY PROUD
15:22:12 7 TO HAVE IMPLEMENTED. LET'S BE CLEAR, THE PROPONENTS OF
15:22:18 8 PROPOSITION 22 WANT TO REMOVE THIS EXTRA LAYER OF
15:22:22 9 PRIVACY SO THAT MORE OBSTACLES COULD BE PLACED UPON
15:22:26 10 WOMEN WHO SEEK AN ABORTION.

15:22:30 11 I AM A RETIRED COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR. FOR
15:22:34 12 30 YEARS I WAS THE DIRECTOR OF A COLLEGE STUDENT HEALTH
15:22:38 13 SERVICE. I AM CLINICALLY TRAINED AS A NURSE
15:22:40 14 PRACTITIONER AND I HAVE BORNE WITNESS TO MORE THAN 200
15:22:46 15 CRISIS PREGNANCIES THAT CAME THROUGH THE HEALTH SERVICE
15:22:50 16 OVER MY 30-YEAR PERIOD. ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, ALL
15:22:54 17 200 OR SO OF THE STUDENTS CHOSE TO TERMINATE THEIR
15:22:58 18 PREGNANCIES BY ABORTION, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD OPTIONS SUCH
15:23:02 19 AS COUNSELING, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR CARRYING THE
15:23:04 20 PREGNANCY AND ADOPTION OPPORTUNITIES. THIS INCLUDES ALL
15:23:08 21 OF THE SELF-IDENTIFIED CATHOLIC AND EVANGELICAL
15:23:14 22 STUDENTS. THEY DID NOT MAKE THEIR DECISION LIGHTLY.
15:23:18 23 THESE WOMEN FOR THE MOST PART WERE FRESHMAN AND
15:23:24 24 SOPHOMORE STUDENTS 18 OR 19 YEARS OLD. THEY WANTED
15:23:26 25 DESPERATELY TO GET AN EDUCATION.

15:23:34 1 WOMEN'S RIGHT TO PRIVACY IS A FUNDAMENTAL
15:23:38 2 RIGHT. REGARDLESS OF YOUR PERSONAL BELIEFS REGARDING
15:23:42 3 ABORTION, I ASK THAT FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL LANGUAGE
15:23:48 4 WITH REGARD TO PRIVACY RIGHTS REMAIN AS CURRENTLY
15:23:50 5 WRITTEN.

15:23:52 6 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

15:23:58 7 MS. DAVIS: VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 22. AND
15:23:58 8 I SUPPORT AN ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN SYSTEM. THANK YOU.

15:24:04 9 MS. DUNCAN: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
15:24:06 10 TO BE HERE AND SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN
15:24:10 11 VOTERS OF LEE COUNTY. MY NAME IS PATTY DUNCAN. I AM
15:24:14 12 HERE TO ASK THAT YOU REJECT PROPOSALS 4 AND 45. BOTH OF
15:24:22 13 THESE WOULD GIVE TAXPAYER FUNDS TO RELIGIOUS AND PRIVATE
15:24:26 14 GROUPS FOR EDUCATION. THIS IS CLEARLY A VIOLATION OF
15:24:32 15 THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE. ALSO WE'RE ASKING
15:24:36 16 THAT YOU REJECT PROPOSAL 71 WHICH WOULD TAKE LOCAL
15:24:42 17 CONTROL OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND GIVE IT TO THE STATE.
15:24:46 18 PLEASE LEAVE THIS IN LOCAL HANDS. THANK YOU.

15:24:50 19 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: NEXT NAME IS LEO
15:24:58 20 STILLMOCK, TAMARA MCINTYRE, ISABEL FRANCIS, HEIDI
15:25:02 21 ROBICHAUD AND KENNETH SOLTYS.

15:25:14 22 MR. STILLMOCK: MY NAME IS LEO STILLMOCK.
15:25:16 23 I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO OPPOSE 67.

15:25:24 24 MS. MCINTYRE: MY NAME IS TAMARA MCINTYRE.
15:25:24 25 I AM FROM MANATEE COUNTY. I AM A VOTER IN THIS STATE

15:25:32 1 AND ALSO AN OWNER AND CO-OWNER OF GREYHOUNDS THAT RACE.
15:25:34 2 I HAVE AN ISSUE WITH PROPOSITION 67, NOT BECAUSE I COME
15:25:40 3 OUT AND SUPPORT IT AS A SPORT OR WHATEVER. I HAVE A
15:25:44 4 PROBLEM WITH IT IS WHY IS IT A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE. I
15:25:48 5 HAVE READ THE CONSTITUTION. A CONSTITUTION IS THE LIFE,
15:25:52 6 LIBERTY AND RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE. IT
15:25:56 7 DEFINES THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF OUR GOVERNMENT.
15:26:00 8 AND I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HOW POLITICAL FIGURES ARE
15:26:06 9 VALUING ANIMALS' RIGHTS, AND I'M AN AVID ANIMAL LOVER.
15:26:10 10 DO SOMETHING TO ONE OF MY PETS AND YOU WILL SEE 50
15:26:16 11 SHADES OF UGLY, BELIEVE ME.
15:26:18 12 PEOPLE WILL PUT MORE PRIORITY ON A
15:26:22 13 PROPOSITION FOR ANIMALS, YET OUR CHILDREN ARE BEING SHOT
15:26:24 14 TO DEATH IN SCHOOLS AND THESE PROPOSED RACING ARE BEING
15:26:30 15 SHOT DOWN BY THE POLITICIANS. WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE
15:26:34 16 PRIORITIES IN THE STATE RIGHT NOW? AS A TAXPAYER, I
15:26:38 17 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT IF RACING IS BANNED UNDER THE
15:26:40 18 BURT HARRIS ACT, WHERE IS THIS \$500,000,000 GOING TO
15:26:44 19 COME FROM THAT'S GOING TO COMPENSATE THE RACING
15:26:48 20 INDUSTRY? AND AS A TAXPAYER, WHERE IS THE FUTURE LOSS
15:26:48 21 OF REVENUE GOING TO COME FROM THAT THE GREYHOUND RACING
15:26:52 22 PUT INTO THE STATE?
15:26:54 23 FLORIDIANS RIGHT NOW, WE ARE CONCERNED FOR
15:26:56 24 THE SAFETY OF OURSELVES. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR
15:27:00 25 JOBS, THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE STATE. WE ARE

15:27:04 1 CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE. NOW
15:27:08 2 I VOTE NO FOR PROPOSITION 67 BECAUSE I DO NOT BELIEVE
15:27:12 3 THAT THIS IS INDEED A TRUE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE. THANK
15:27:16 4 YOU.

15:27:18 5 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

15:27:18 6 MS. FRANCIS: I'M ISABEL FRANCIS FROM PINE
15:27:26 7 ISLAND. I'M AN RN AND I HAVE WORKED IN HEALTHCARE FOR
15:27:26 8 OVER 30 YEARS. I WILL ALWAYS BE AN ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN,
15:27:32 9 CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS; IT'S MY ETHICAL
15:27:32 10 OBLIGATION AS A NURSE. I VOTED FOR 16 STRAIGHT YEARS
15:27:36 11 FOR THE MOST TRUSTED PROFESSIONALS IN AMERICA.

15:27:38 12 PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IN 2005 THE LEGISLATURE
15:27:42 13 PASSED A LAW REQUIRING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION 48 HOURS
15:27:48 14 PRIOR TO A MINOR'S ABORTION. THIS WAS NOT CHALLENGED;
15:27:50 15 IT'S STILL THE LAW. AND THIS IS PERTINENT BECAUSE THE
15:27:52 16 PRIVACY CLAUSE OF OUR STATE CONSTITUTIONS ARE UNDER
15:27:54 17 ATTACK BY PROPOSAL 22.

15:27:54 18 IN FEBRUARY THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF CRC
15:28:00 19 REJECTED PROPOSAL 22 BY A TWO-TO-ONE MARGIN. IN A
15:28:02 20 RECENT POLL ONLY 7 PERCENT OF FLORIDIANS RESPONDING
15:28:02 21 SUPPORTED THE EFFORT TO ALTER THE GUARANTEE OF PRIVACY.
15:28:08 22 SEVEN PERCENT. THAT MEANS THAT 93 DID NOT. SO WHY
15:28:12 23 WOULD YOU WANT TO WEAKEN THIS FUNDAMENTAL CONSTITUTIONAL
15:28:16 24 RIGHT? WHY RECONSIDER A PROPOSAL THAT ACCORDING TO YOUR
15:28:18 25 OWN JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ANALYSIS MAY REQUIRE THAT COURT

15:28:22 1 DECISIONS RELATED TO PERSONAL AUTONOMY AND GOVERNMENTAL
15:28:24 2 OBTUSION HAD TO BE RELITIGATED AND DESTROY THEIR
15:28:28 3 PRECEDENTIAL VALUE. IF IT WERE UNDERTAKEN TO RESTRICT
15:28:32 4 ACCESS TO GUNS BASED ON MASS MURDER OF CHILDREN IN
15:28:34 5 PARKLAND IT WOULD BE COMMENDABLE, BUT OPPONENTS WOULD
15:28:34 6 ARGUE THAT IT INFRINGES ON THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

15:28:34 7 THE SENATE WILL VOTE ON THIS ISSUE TODAY AND
15:28:42 8 I SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS TO BAN ASSAULT WEAPONS. BUT THIS
15:28:44 9 AN EFFORT TO INTRUDE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DOCTORS
15:28:46 10 AND FEMALE PATIENTS WHICH HAS BEEN CLEARLY ARTICULATED.
15:28:50 11 THIS VIOLATES OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. THE U.S.
15:28:54 12 SUPREME COURT HAS UPHELD A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO REPRODUCTIVE
15:28:58 13 SELF-DETERMINATION INCLUDING ABORTION. SO HAS THE
15:29:02 14 FLORIDA SUPREME COURT, INDICATING THE STATE HAS NO
15:29:04 15 COMPELLING INTEREST THAT WOULD ALLOW IT TO VIOLATE THIS
15:29:06 16 CONFIDENTIALITY. IT'S A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT. I CAN'T
15:29:10 17 IMAGINE THIS COMMISSION WOULD TRAMPLE ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS
15:29:16 18 IN ORDER TO APPEASE A MINORITY OF EXTREMISTS. SEVEN
15:29:16 19 PERCENT AT MOST. THAT IS NOT HOW DEMOCRACY WORKS.
15:29:20 20 PLEASE DO NOT RESURRECT PROPOSAL 22.

15:29:22 21 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, MS.
15:29:24 22 FRANCIS. DR. ROBERTS JONES, KATHIE GENTILE, COLE CARUSO
15:29:24 23 AND JEANIE BERDEAUX.

15:29:34 24 MR. SOLTYS: HI. I AM KEN SOLTYS AND I'M AN
15:29:36 25 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT. AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU

15:29:42 1 TODAY ABOUT THE USE OF DRILLING MUDS THAT ARE USED IN
15:29:48 2 THE DRILLING FOR OIL IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. I
15:29:54 3 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU SUPPORT AND VOTE YES FOR
15:30:00 4 PROPOSAL 91.

15:30:02 5 OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ARE THE DRILLING MUDS
15:30:06 6 USED DURING THE DRILLING OF EXPLORATION WELLS, WHICH
15:30:12 7 CONTAIN A STEW OF TOXIC CHEMICALS. I KNOW FROM
15:30:18 8 EXPERIENCE THAT MANY CHEMICALS USED IN DRILLING MUDS
15:30:20 9 AND, PARTICULARLY SURFACTANTS, ARE PERSISTENT BUT TOXIC
15:30:28 10 AND CUMULATIVE TO MARINE LIFE. THE OTHER CHEMICALS THAT
15:30:30 11 ARE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN WOULD INCLUDE BIOCIDES AND
15:30:36 12 CORROSION INHIBITORS. SOME OF THESE ARE CARCINOGENIC
15:30:40 13 AND VERY, VERY, VERY PERSISTENT.

15:30:42 14 LET ME MAKE SEVERAL SHORT COMMENTS ABOUT THE
15:30:46 15 GULF OF MEXICO. THE GULF PLAYS HOST TO A PORTION OF THE
15:30:50 16 GULF STREAM CALLED THE LOOP CURRENT. IT IS -- IT ENTERS
15:30:54 17 THE GULF BETWEEN THE YUCATAN PENINSULA AND CUBA. THE
15:30:58 18 LOOP CURRENT GENERATES EDDIES OFF OF THE CURRENT THAT
15:31:06 19 CAN SPIN FOR SOME PERIOD OF TIME. THESE EDDIES CAN
15:31:10 20 CONCENTRATE AND COLLECT -- OH BOY -- CONCENTRATE AND
15:31:12 21 COLLECT VARIOUS DEBRIS AND CHEMICALS THAT ARE ABSORBED
15:31:18 22 BY INERT MATERIALS. THESE EDDIES CAN INFRINGE ON OIL
15:31:26 23 WELLS AND DRILL SITES AND COLLECT THESE CHEMICALS AND
15:31:30 24 DEPOSIT THEM ONSHORE, AND I DON'T HAVE TO SAY WHAT SORT
15:31:36 25 OF IMPACT THAT HAS ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THANK YOU.

15:31:42 1 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, SIR.

15:31:42 2 MR. JONES: MR. CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONERS. MY

15:31:44 3 NAME IS DR. ROBERT JONES AND I AM REPRESENTING FLORIDA

15:31:50 4 SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE HEADQUARTERS HERE IN FORT

15:31:52 5 MYERS WHERE I SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC AND

15:31:54 6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY

15:31:56 7 TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY IN SUPPORT OF COMMISSIONER

15:32:00 8 WASHINGTON AND PLYMALE'S PROPOSAL NUMBER 83 THAT CALLS

15:32:04 9 FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM IN

15:32:06 10 OUR STATE CONSTITUTION. IT ALSO REAFFIRMS THAT THE

15:32:10 11 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL SERVE HER FOR IT'S

15:32:12 12 OVERSIGHT.

15:32:14 13 THIS PROPOSAL RECOGNIZES THE CURRENT LOCAL

15:32:16 14 BOARD GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AS THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE OUR

15:32:20 15 COLLEGES CONTINUE TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO

15:32:24 16 LOCAL BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DEMANDS. FLORIDA RESIDENTS

15:32:26 17 ACCESS THE LOW COST, HIGH QUALITY, HIGHER EDUCATION AT

15:32:26 18 THE BACCALAUREATE, ASSOCIATE AND CERTIFICATE LEVELS AS

15:32:34 19 FUNDAMENTAL LEVELS IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE GROWTH OF OUR

15:32:36 20 TALENTED WORK FORCE AND TO THE DIVERSIFICATION OF OUR

15:32:40 21 ECONOMY AND OVERALL. THE STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM DELIVERS

15:32:44 22 ON THIS LOFTY OBJECTIVE YEAR AFTER YEAR, SERVING OVER

15:32:46 23 800,000 STUDENTS STATEWIDE, MANY OF WHOM LIVE AND

15:32:52 24 CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE SAME COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY

15:32:54 25 ATTEND OUR STATE COLLEGES.

15:32:56 1 AS A FLORIDIAN FOR MOST OF MY ADULT LIFE AND
15:32:58 2 AN EDUCATOR IN THE FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE SYSTEM FOR OVER
15:33:02 3 TWO DECADES, I CAN TELL YOU WE SHOULD NEVER TAKE THIS
15:33:06 4 CRITICAL STATE RESOURCE FOR GRANTED. THE PERENNIAL
15:33:10 5 CHALLENGES TO OUR COLLEGE SYSTEM'S SUSTAINABILITY ARE
15:33:14 6 UNNECESSARY AND THEY ARE INEFFICIENT.

15:33:16 7 THE BEST WAY I KNOW TO ENSURE THE STATE
15:33:18 8 COLLEGE SYSTEM IS SUSTAINED FOR IT'S CRITICAL ROLE IN
15:33:22 9 THE PROGRESS OF FLORIDA IS TO ADVOCATE FOR PROPOSAL 93.
15:33:26 10 THIS PROPOSAL PROVIDES FOR THE FORWARD-LOOKING
15:33:30 11 CONSTITUTION THAT UPHOLDS ALL OF IT'S STATE'S CRITICAL
15:33:32 12 EDUCATION RESOURCES BY FIRMLY ESTABLISHING THE STATE
15:33:36 13 COLLEGE SYSTEM AND THEREBY WILL ENSURE THE WORKFORCE
15:33:40 14 PIPELINE WILL REMAIN STRONG. THANK YOU FOR THE SERVICE
15:33:44 15 ON THE COMMISSION AND FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY FOR
15:33:46 16 PROPOSAL NUMBER 83.

15:33:48 17 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

15:33:52 18 MS. GENTILE: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
15:33:54 19 KATHIE GENTILE AND I AM HERE TODAY AS A CONCERNED
15:33:56 20 FLORIDA RESIDENT. CURRENTLY I'M PROUD TO SAY THE
15:33:58 21 FLORIDA CONSTITUTION HAS SOME OF THE STRONGEST PRIVACY
15:34:02 22 RIGHTS OF ANY STATE CONSTITUTION. ARTICLE I SECTION 23
15:34:06 23 PROTECTS FLORIDA FROM GOVERNMENT INTRUSION AND UPHOLDS A
15:34:10 24 CITIZEN'S RIGHTS TO PERSONAL AUTONOMY. PROPOSAL 22
15:34:16 25 WOULD ABRIDGE THESE RIGHTS AND HAVE WIDE REACHING

15:34:18 1 IMPLICATIONS FOR MANY AREAS OF OUR LIVES, INCLUDING
15:34:22 2 MEDICAL DECISIONS, CHILD REARING AND EDUCATION.
15:34:22 3 SPECIFICALLY, THOUGH, THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE USED TO
15:34:24 4 UNDERMINE ACCESS TO SAFE AND LEGAL ABORTION IN FLORIDA.

15:34:30 5 I URGE EACH COMMISSIONER TO FOLLOW THE LEAD
15:34:32 6 OF THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE AND CONTINUE TO REJECT
15:34:34 7 PROPOSAL 22. PLEASE RESERVE OUR EXPLICIT RIGHT TO
15:34:38 8 PRIVACY AND BY EXTENSION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO CHOOSE AS
15:34:42 9 CURRENTLY PROVIDED UNDER THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION.
15:34:44 10 THANK YOU.

15:34:46 11 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

15:34:46 12 MS. BERDEAUX: HI. I'M JEANIE BERDEAUX AND
15:34:50 13 I'M FROM PUNTA GORDA. I SERVE AS DIRECTOR FOR RESPECT
15:34:50 14 LIFE FOR THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF VENICE HERE IN
15:34:50 15 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, BUT THIS IS NOT JUST A CATHOLIC
15:34:58 16 ISSUE. I LISTENED ONLINE TO COMMISSIONER STEMBERGER'S
15:35:00 17 PRESENTATION TO THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE. I WAS
15:35:06 18 DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT FOUR MEMBERS IGNORED THE
15:35:08 19 EXTENSIVE RESEARCH THAT HE AND HIS STAFF CONDUCTED THAT
15:35:10 20 SHOWED THAT THE 1980 PRIVACY AMENDMENT WAS PRESENTED TO
15:35:12 21 THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA AS STRICTLY A WAY TO PROTECT
15:35:16 22 INFORMATIONAL PRIVACY FROM GOVERNMENTAL OVERREACH. MOST
15:35:20 23 PEOPLE, INCLUDING ME, HAD NO CLUE THAT IT COULD BE USED
15:35:24 24 BY JUDGES TO OVERTURN PARENTAL CONSENT TO ABORTION LAWS
15:35:28 25 AND OTHER COMMONSENSE MEASURES.

15:35:30 1 THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE FAVOR PARENTAL
15:35:34 2 INVOLVEMENT IN ABORTION DECISIONS. PARENTS ARE
15:35:36 3 RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE. A TEENAGE
15:35:40 4 GIRL MIGHT NOT KNOW THAT SHE HAS AN ALLERGY TO CERTAIN
15:35:42 5 DRUGS THAT ARE USED IN ANESTHESIA. SHE PROBABLY
15:35:46 6 WOULDN'T THINK ABOUT CHECKING TO SEE IF THE ABORTIONIST
15:35:48 7 IS A REPUTABLE PHYSICIAN. IF THE ABORTIONIST PERFORATES
15:35:54 8 HER UTERUS AND LEAVES BABY BODY PARTS BEHIND THAT CAUSE
15:35:56 9 INFECTION, THE PARENT MIGHT NOT KNOW UNTIL IT'S TOO
15:36:00 10 LATE. IT HAS HAPPENED IN MORE THAN ONE CASE AND I DON'T
15:36:02 11 THINK WOMEN HAVE DIED.

15:36:04 12 YOU KNOW THAT THE PRIVACY AMENDMENT,
15:36:06 13 PROPOSITION 22, WAS BROUGHT UP AT THE LAST ROUND OF
15:36:10 14 HEARINGS MORE THAN ANY OTHER ISSUE? I DON'T THINK IT'S
15:36:12 15 FAIR THAT FOUR COMMISSIONERS COULD DECIDE NOT TO LET
15:36:16 16 SUCH AN IMPORTANT ISSUE BE BROUGHT TO THE FULL
15:36:18 17 COMMISSION BECAUSE OF THEIR PERSONAL BIAS, FEAR OF
15:36:22 18 CONTROVERSY OR ANY OTHER REASON. THE PEOPLE WHO TOOK
15:36:26 19 THE TIME TO SPEAK AT THESE HEARINGS ARE COUNTING ON YOU
15:36:28 20 TO LISTEN TO THEM AND TO LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE ON THIS
15:36:32 21 ISSUE IN NOVEMBER. PLEASE CONSIDER A FULL COMMISSION
15:36:36 22 VOTE AND SEE CASEFORLIFE.COM FOR MORE ABOUT THE TRUTH
15:36:42 23 ABOUT ABORTION. THANK YOU.

15:36:42 24 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

15:36:42 25 TERESA JENKINS, DAVID DOAN, MARGARET BRYANT,

15:36:48 1 DAVID JAYE AND KATHERINE CIMATO. AFTER THESE FIVE WE
15:36:48 2 WILL TAKE A 10-MINUTE BREAK. YES, MA'AM.

15:36:48 3 MS. BRYANT: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
15:37:12 4 MARGARET BRYANT AND I'M A SARASOTA RESIDENT AND A MEMBER
15:37:16 5 OF THE FLORIDA BAR. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THAT I STAND
15:37:20 6 WITH PARKLAND. I STAND WITH THE MAJORITY OF FLORIDIANS
15:37:22 7 AND SUPPORT A BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS AND A COMMONSENSE
15:37:28 8 APPROACH TO GUN CONTROL. I URGE THE COMMISSIONERS TO
15:37:30 9 PUT AN ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

15:37:34 10 JUST AS STRONGLY, I URGE YOU TO REJECT
15:37:38 11 EFFORTS TO VOTE AGAIN ON PROPOSAL 22 RESTRICTING PRIVACY
15:37:44 12 RIGHTS OF FLORIDIANS. THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE
15:37:48 13 CRC, AFTER A THOROUGH AND BALANCED DEBATE AND A WEALTH
15:37:52 14 OF PUBLIC INPUT, VOTED THIS PROPOSITION DOWN BY A
15:37:54 15 TWO-TO-ONE MARGIN. VOTERS CAME OUT IN RECORD NUMBERS TO
15:38:00 16 DEFEAT THE LAST ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN OUR PRIVACY
15:38:02 17 PROTECTIONS WHEN THEY VOTED DOWN AMENDMENT 6 BY A
15:38:04 18 15-POINT MARGIN IN 2012.

15:38:06 19 I URGE YOU TO ENSURE THAT PROTECTION IS
15:38:08 20 GUARANTEED UNDER FLORIDA'S PRIVACY CLAUSE OF THE
15:38:12 21 CONSTITUTION TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT A WOMAN'S MOST
15:38:16 22 PERSONAL AND PRIVATE DECISIONS REGARDING HER OWN BODY.
15:38:20 23 I URGE THAT THE COMMISSION NOT MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO
15:38:22 24 CIRCUMVENT FLORIDA SUPREME COURT'S DECISIONS THAT
15:38:26 25 CORRECTLY HAVE HELD THE FLORIDA RIGHT TO PRIVACY

15:38:30 1 INCLUDES MEDICAL PRIVACY AND PROTECTS A WOMAN'S ABILITY
15:38:34 2 TO MAKE PERSONAL DECISIONS FOR HER OWN HEALTH AND
15:38:40 3 CONSULTATION WITH MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS. PLEASE
15:38:42 4 PRESERVE AS IS THE PRIVACY CLAUSE IN OUR CONSTITUTION.

15:38:46 5 I ALSO URGE YOU OPPOSE PROPOSAL 4 AND
15:38:52 6 PROTECT THE PROHIBITION AGAINST SPENDING PUBLIC DOLLARS
15:38:54 7 TO AID RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS. I ALSO URGE YOU TO
15:38:58 8 OPPOSE PROPOSALS 45, 71, 72 AND 93 THAT WOULD FURTHER
15:39:04 9 ERODE OUR RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO END SUPPORT FOR OUR
15:39:08 10 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THANK YOU.

15:39:12 11 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU. YES,
15:39:12 12 SIR.

15:39:16 13 MR. DOAN: THANK YOU, COMMISSION. I HAD A
15:39:18 14 CHANCE TO SPEAK HERE LAST MAY AND I WASN'T SURE YOU WERE
15:39:22 15 GOING TO COME BACK AGAIN, BUT I APPRECIATE THE
15:39:24 16 OPPORTUNITY.

15:39:28 17 IN 1823 THOMAS JEFFERSON WROTE: "AT EVERY
15:39:30 18 QUESTION OF CONSTRUCTION LET'S CARRY OURSELVES BACK TO A
15:39:34 19 TIME WHEN THE CONSTITUTION WAS ADOPTED, RECOLLECT THE
15:39:36 20 SPIRIT MANIFESTED IN THE DEBATES INSTEAD OF TRYING WHAT
15:39:42 21 MEANING MAY BE SQUEEZED OUT OF THE TEXT OR INVENTED
15:39:44 22 AGAINST IT CONFORM TO THE PROBABLE ONE IN WHICH IT WAS
15:39:48 23 PASSED."

15:39:48 24 AS A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS HERE TODAY HAVE
15:39:52 25 ACKNOWLEDGED, ARTICLE I SECTION 23 WAS PASSED UNDER THE

15:39:54 1 FLORIDA CONSTITUTION. IT TOOK 60 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS
15:39:58 2 TO DO THAT. I DOUBT VERY MUCH THAT THOSE 60 PERCENT OF
15:40:04 3 THE PEOPLE THOUGHT THEY WERE GRANTING ANY OTHER RIGHT
15:40:06 4 THAN THE RIGHT TO INFORMATIONAL PRIVACY. THEY PROBABLY
15:40:10 5 NEVER DREAMED THEY WERE GRANTING ANYBODY THE RIGHT TO AN
15:40:12 6 ABORTION.

15:40:16 7 THIS COMMISSION HAS AN OPPORTUNITY. FIFTEEN
15:40:20 8 MEMBERS OF THIS COMMISSION CAN RESURRECT PROPOSAL 22,
15:40:24 9 BRING IT BACK TO THE FLOOR, LET THE FULL COMMISSION
15:40:28 10 DEBATE AND VOTE ON IT. I ENCOURAGE THIS COMMISSION TO
15:40:32 11 GIVE THE PEOPLE THEIR VOTE BACK. THE SUPREME COURT HAS
15:40:38 12 CHOSEN TO DISREGARD JEFFERSON'S ADVICE. HIS ADVICE
15:40:40 13 WOULD BE TO CONSIDER THE ORIGINAL INTENT. THE PEOPLE
15:40:44 14 THAT VOTED ON THIS ORIGINALLY I DON'T BELIEVE EVER
15:40:48 15 INTENDED THEY WERE GIVING ANYONE THE RIGHT TO AN
15:40:50 16 ABORTION. THANK YOU.

15:40:52 17 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: CAN YOU STATE YOUR
15:40:54 18 FULL NAME FOR THE RECORD?

15:40:54 19 MR. DOAN: I'M SORRY. IT'S DAVID DOAN.

15:41:00 20 MS. CIMATO: HI. MY NAME IS KATHRYN CIMATO.
15:41:04 21 I'M FROM FORT MYERS. PROPOSAL 94 WOULD REQUIRE CANCER
15:41:10 22 RESEARCH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ALREADY COMPREHENSIVE
15:41:16 23 TOBACCO EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM. CURRENTLY,
15:41:18 24 THE MONEY FROM TOBACCO COMPANIES ARE APPORTIONED OUT ON
15:41:22 25 A VERY EFFECTIVE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM WITH

15:41:28 1 PROVEN RESULTS. YOUTH SMOKING IN FLORIDA HAS BEEN
15:41:34 2 REDUCED FROM 8.3 PERCENT TO 4.3 PERCENT SINCE THE ADS
15:41:38 3 STARTED IN 2010. TO DIVERT PART OF THE FUNDS WOULD
15:41:44 4 DILUTE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND THE RESULTS. LEAVE IT
15:41:50 5 ALONE, IT WORKS. VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 94.

15:41:56 6 I AM IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL 97. IT WOULD
15:42:00 7 LIMIT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO 60 PERCENT OF THE
15:42:04 8 TOTAL POPULATION OF FLORIDA RATHER THAN JUST THE PEOPLE
15:42:08 9 THAT TURN UP TO VOTE THAT DAY. OUR STATE CONSTITUTION
15:42:14 10 SHOULD NOT BE TREATED CASUALLY. ANY CHANGE SHOULD BE
15:42:18 11 WELL THOUGHT THROUGH AND THOROUGHLY VETTED BY THE
15:42:24 12 PUBLIC. THAT'S WHY IT SEEMS LIKE A VERY NECESSARY
15:42:28 13 PROPOSAL. WITHOUT PROPOSAL 97 IT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER
15:42:32 14 FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS TO TWEAK THE LANGUAGE IN SUCH A
15:42:36 15 WAY THAT PEOPLE WILL VOTE ON IT WITHOUT REALLY EVEN
15:42:38 16 UNDERSTANDING WHAT THEY ARE VOTING FOR. PLEASE VOTE YES
15:42:44 17 ON PROPOSAL 97.

15:42:48 18 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

15:42:50 19 MS. JENKINS: THERESA JENKINS, CHARLOTTE
15:42:52 20 COUNTY. I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST THANK THE COMMISSION FOR
15:42:54 21 REMOVING FROM CONSIDERATION PROPOSAL NUMBER 22. I AM
15:43:00 22 HERE TODAY IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL NUMBER 4 WHICH
15:43:04 23 WOULD DELETE A PROVISION FROM THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION
15:43:08 24 PROHIBITING STATE FUNDING OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS. IT
15:43:12 25 IS SIMILAR TO A PROPOSED 2012 FLORIDA CONSTITUTIONAL

15:43:18 1 AMENDMENT THAT WAS REJECTED BY 56 PERCENT OF FLORIDA
15:43:22 2 VOTERS.

15:43:22 3 BY IT'S WORDING THE PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW THE
15:43:26 4 FLOW OF TAXPAYER MONEY TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS AND HOUSES
15:43:30 5 OF WORSHIP AND ALLOW DIRECT FUNDING OF RELIGIOUS
15:43:34 6 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE FAITH-BASED SOCIAL SERVICES,
15:43:40 7 OPENING THE DOOR TO TAXPAYER-FUNDED VOUCHERS FOR
15:43:44 8 RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.

15:43:46 9 MY CONCERN IS THAT PROPOSAL 4 WOULD REPEAL A
15:43:50 10 126-YEAR-OLD PROVISION IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION THAT
15:43:54 11 PROHIBITS TAXPAYER FUNDING OF RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS,
15:44:00 12 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "NO AID." THIS PROVISION STATES
15:44:04 13 THAT FUNDS NOT BE SPENT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN
15:44:10 14 SUPPORT OF ANY ENTITY THAT PROMOTES RELIGIONS. PROPOSAL
15:44:14 15 4 APPEARS TO REMOVE THAT PROHIBITION, THUS ELIMINATING A
15:44:20 16 LONG ESTABLISHED COMPONENT OF THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH
15:44:24 17 AND STATE THAT PREVENTS THE GOVERNMENT FROM FUNDING
15:44:26 18 GROUPS THAT ESPOUSE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. RELIGIOUS
15:44:32 19 ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALREADY PROVIDED NUMEROUS TAX BREAKS,
15:44:36 20 EXEMPTIONS AND ACCOMMODATIONS. WHY SHOULD FLORIDA
15:44:40 21 GUARANTEE THESE GROUPS ADDITIONAL AND POTENTIALLY
15:44:42 22 UNLIMITED FUNDING? LITTLE HAS CHANGED IN THE SIX YEARS
15:44:46 23 SINCE FLORIDA VOTERS EMPHATICALLY REJECTED A SIMILAR
15:44:50 24 PROPOSAL. PROPOSAL 4 WOULD CREATE A DANGEROUS
15:44:54 25 ENTANGLEMENT OF GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS. THANK YOU FOR

15:44:58 1 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

15:44:58 2 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU. THIS
15:45:00 3 COMMISSION WILL BE IN RECESS FOR THE NEXT TEN MINUTES.

15:45:04 4 (WHEREUPON, A BRIEF RECESS WAS TAKEN.)

15:58:50 5 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: DR. ELISE ROSE,
15:58:54 6 BARBARA ROGERS, STEVE SCHLACHTER, PAUL HULL AND KAREN
15:59:00 7 MILLER. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME WHEN YOU COME TO THE
15:59:08 8 MICROPHONE FOR THE RECORD.

15:59:18 9 YES, MA'AM, GO AHEAD.

15:59:20 10 MS. ROGERS: HI. WHERE IS EVERYBODY? I'M
15:59:26 11 BARBARA ROGERS AND I WOULD LIKE -- MY LIFE DOES NOT
15:59:30 12 DEPEND ON GREYHOUND RACING OR ANY SORT OF GAP LINK. FOR
15:59:34 13 THE PAST 25 YEARS I HAVE ADOPTED FOUR RETIRED GREYHOUNDS
15:59:38 14 AND FOSTERED MANY, MANY OTHERS. PREVIOUSLY I LIVED IN
15:59:42 15 MINNESOTA WHERE I WAS INVOLVED WITH AN ADOPTION GROUP AS
15:59:46 16 VICE PRESIDENT AND COORDINATOR. AS FOSTER COORDINATOR I
15:59:50 17 SAW EVERY SINGLE DOG THAT CAME IN TO US FOR ADOPTION.
15:59:54 18 NOT ONCE DID I SEE AN ABUSED, STARVED ANIMAL. THE DOGS
16:00:00 19 RANGED FROM (UNINTELLIGIBLE) TO MORE MEASURED GREYHOUNDS
16:00:02 20 AND ALL ARE NOW IN WONDERFUL FOREVER HOMES. I TELL YOU
16:00:06 21 THIS BECAUSE WHAT I HAVE SEEN IN MINNESOTA AND IN MY
16:00:10 22 FOSTER ACTIVITIES HERE IN FLORIDA, THE GREYHOUND
16:00:14 23 INDUSTRY VALUES THESE HOUNDS MUCH MORE THAN OUR
16:00:16 24 OPPOSITION WOULD HAVE YOU THINK. THESE DOGS ARE
16:00:20 25 SOCIALIZED, EXERCISED REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WELL

16:00:24 1 FED AND LOVED. I KNOW MANY CASES WHEN WE WOULD RECEIVE
16:00:28 2 THE DOGS FROM OTHER AREAS WE WOULD GET NOTES FROM
16:00:30 3 TRAINERS TELLING US HOW MUCH THE DOGS WERE LOVED AND
16:00:34 4 TELLING US THEIR SPECIAL QUIRKS SO WE COULD GET THEM
16:00:38 5 PLACED IN A BETTER HOME.

16:00:38 6 DURING HURRICANE IRMA, MAYBE YOU DON'T KNOW
16:00:42 7 HIM, BUT MANY OF THE TRAINERS STAYED AT THE KENNEL WITH
16:00:46 8 THEIR CHARGES TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE CARED FOR DURING
16:00:48 9 THE STORM AND AFTER THE STORM.

16:00:50 10 IF YOU HAVE NOT VISITED A RACETRACK OR A
16:00:52 11 KENNEL SETTING RECENTLY, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT
16:00:56 12 ONE OR MORE BEFORE VOTING TO PUT PROPOSITION 67 ON THE
16:01:02 13 BALLOT. THE WAY I AM READING PROPOSITION 67 IS THAT
16:01:04 14 THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS RIGHT NOW FOR WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN
16:01:08 15 TO THE HOUNDS ONCE JANUARY 1ST, 2020 COMES ALONG.
16:01:12 16 GETTING THESE WONDERFUL ANIMALS ADOPTED IS NOT SOMETHING
16:01:16 17 MANY TAKE LIGHTLY. I WOULD ASK YOU TO THINK ABOUT IT
16:01:20 18 AND MAKE SURE THINGS ARE TAKEN CARE OF PROPERLY AS HAS
16:01:24 19 BEEN POINTED OUT BEFORE. THESE ARE WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL
16:01:28 20 DOGS AND THEY ARE LOVED. THANK YOU.

16:01:32 21 MS. ROSE: I AM DR. ELISE ROSE FROM COLLIER
16:01:34 22 COUNTY. I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT THAT THE RIGHT OF
16:01:36 23 PRIVACY SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT A WAITING
16:01:40 24 PERIOD FOR MEDICAL PROCEDURES, INCLUDING ABORTION.
16:01:42 25 FLORIDA JUDGES HAVE STRUCK DOWN EVEN A MUNICIPAL 24-HOUR

16:01:48 1 WAITING PERIOD FOR ABORTION, ALTHOUGH NUMEROUS OTHER
16:01:50 2 STATES REQUIRE MUCH LONGER WAITING PERIODS.

16:01:52 3 BOTH THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
16:01:54 4 AND THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION CONSIDER
16:01:56 5 ABORTION A STRESSOR COMPARABLE TO OTHER MAJOR LIFE
16:02:00 6 EVENTS SUCH AS MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE. BECAUSE IT IS SO
16:02:04 7 STRESSFUL, THESE PROFESSIONALS RECOGNIZE AND TREAT
16:02:14 8 PATIENTS WHO ALREADY EXPERIENCE ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION.
16:02:16 9 OUR LAW RECOGNIZES THAT DECISIONS SURROUNDING THESE
16:02:18 10 SERIOUS MATTERS SHOULD NOT BE HASTY.

16:02:22 11 FLORIDA RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WAIT THREE
16:02:24 12 DAYS AFTER OBTAINING A MARRIAGE LICENSE BEFORE ACTUALLY
16:02:26 13 GETTING MARRIED, AND DIVORCE TAKES MUCH LONGER. A
16:02:30 14 PREGNANT WOMAN IS IN A HEIGHTENED EMOTIONAL STATE.
16:02:34 15 BEFORE MAKING A LIFE-CHANGING DECISION A WOMAN SHOULD BE
16:02:38 16 GIVEN TIME TO CONSULT HER FAMILY AND HER REGULAR
16:02:40 17 PHYSICIAN OR TO INVESTIGATE THE PROVIDER. WITHOUT A
16:02:42 18 MANDATORY WAITING PERIOD THE ONLY PERSON SHE MAY SPEAK
16:02:46 19 WITH ARE ABORTION PROVIDERS SUCH AS PLANNED PARENTHOOD
16:02:50 20 WHO HAVE A FINANCIAL STAKE IN RUSHING HER INTO THE
16:02:56 21 PROCEDURE. I HAD KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY AND I WAS
16:02:56 22 REQUIRED AS STANDARD MEDICAL PRACTICE TO VISIT MY
16:02:58 23 REGULAR PHYSICIAN A WEEK BEFORE. WHEN YOU BUY A CAR WE
16:03:02 24 HAVE THREE DAYS TO RETURN IT, BUT ABORTION IS
16:03:06 25 IRREVERSIBLE. ONCE DONE IT CANNOT BE UNDONE.

16:03:08 1 I DO NOT BELIEVE THE PRIVACY CLAUSE WAS
16:03:10 2 INTENDED TO PREVENT THE MINIMAL CONSUMER PROTECTION
16:03:14 3 PROVIDED BY A 1, 2 OR 3 DAY WAITING PERIOD BEFORE THIS
16:03:16 4 SERIOUS BUT NOT EMERGENCY PROCEDURE. THEREFORE I URGE
16:03:20 5 AMENDMENT OF THIS PRIVACY CLAUSE TO ALLOW A MANDATORY
16:03:24 6 WAITING PERIOD BEFORE ABORTION. THANK YOU.

16:03:28 7 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU. YES,
16:03:28 8 SIR.

16:03:28 9 MR. HULL: HI. I'M PAUL HULL WITH THE
16:03:30 10 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND CANCER ACTION NETWORK. I
16:03:32 11 URGE YOU TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL 65 AND TO OPPOSE PROPOSAL
16:03:40 12 94. PROPOSAL 65, I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER CARLTON
16:03:44 13 FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE FORWARD. IT WOULD ADD
16:03:46 14 E-CIGARETTES TO THE CLEAN INDOOR AIR PORTION OF THE
16:03:50 15 STATE CONSTITUTION. THERE'S BEEN AN ALARMING INCREASE
16:03:52 16 IN E-CIGARETTE USE, PARTICULARLY AMONG YOUTH, AND THIS
16:03:56 17 IS A GROWING PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN. AND I CAN ASSURE
16:03:58 18 YOU, HAD E-CIGARETTES BEEN AROUND LIKE THEY ARE NOW WHEN
16:04:02 19 ARTICLE 10 SECTION 20 OF THE CONSTITUTION ADDRESSING
16:04:04 20 CLEAN INDOOR AIR WAS PUT FORWARD, THESE E-CIGARETTES AND
16:04:10 21 VAPING DEVICES WOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED. SO IT'S ONLY
16:04:14 22 LOGICAL FOR THE CRC TO AVAIL ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY
16:04:14 23 TO UPDATE THAT PROVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND PUT IT
16:04:14 24 BEFORE THE VOTERS.

16:04:20 25 TO BE CLEAR, PROPOSAL 65 IS NOT A REFERENDUM

16:04:26 1 ON WHETHER E-CIGARETTES ARE LESS HARMFUL THAN
16:04:28 2 COMBUSTIBLE CIGARETTES. THIS IS ABOUT THE RIGHT OF
16:04:30 3 EVERY FLORIDIAN TO BREATHE CLEAN INDOOR AIR.

16:04:34 4 I ALSO ASK THAT YOU OPPOSE PROPOSAL 94. IT
16:04:36 5 WOULD DIVERT AN UNSPECIFIED PORTION OF TOBACCO FREE
16:04:42 6 FLORIDA'S BUDGET DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE, THAT VOTERS
16:04:44 7 ALREADY OVERWHELMINGLY APPROVE, TO CANCER RESEARCH. YOU
16:04:50 8 WOULD NOT FIND, I PROMISE YOU, A BIGGER FAN OF RESEARCH
16:04:52 9 THAN ME. I WORKED ON RELATED BILLS AND APPROPRIATIONS
16:04:56 10 FOR THE STATE'S BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS FOR YEARS
16:04:58 11 IN TALLAHASSEE. PROPOSAL 4 IS NOT THE RIGHT THING TO
16:05:02 12 DO. THE LEGISLATURE HAS EVERY OPPORTUNITY THROUGH THE
16:05:04 13 BUDGET CONFERENCE PROCESS RIGHT NOW IN TALLAHASSEE TO
16:05:08 14 FUND RESEARCH AND I WOULD URGE THEM TO DO THIS.

16:05:10 15 LASTLY, THE MOST CHILLING PIECE OF PROPOSAL
16:05:14 16 94 IS IT WOULD REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF A THIRD OF
16:05:18 17 TOBACCO FREE FLORIDA'S FUNDING GOING TO ADVERTISING.
16:05:20 18 CURRENTLY, THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY SPENDS OVER 550 MILLION
16:05:24 19 DOLLARS ON ADVERTISING; WE SPEND 23. WE HAVE GOT ONE
16:05:28 20 HAND TIED BEHIND OUR BACK. LET'S NOT TIE THE OTHER ONE.

16:05:32 21 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, MR.
16:05:34 22 HALL. NEXT SPEAKERS ARE DR. MICHAEL NEU, KELLY METEVIA,
16:05:40 23 CHRISTOPHER THORPE AND SHARON DIPPEL.

16:05:44 24 MS. MILLER: HI. MY NAME IS KAREN MILLER.
16:05:46 25 I'M A RESIDENT OF CAPE CORAL AND A SHAREHOLDER AND

16:05:50 1 COMMUNITY OUTREACH MANAGER FOR A LARGE ENGINEERING FIRM.
16:05:54 2 I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA STORMWATER
16:05:58 3 ASSOCIATION'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. I THANK YOU VERY
16:06:00 4 MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY, AND ALTHOUGH WE
16:06:02 5 KNOW THAT CRC 95 IS NOT CURRENTLY ACTIVE WE UNDERSTAND
16:06:06 6 THAT THERE ARE PLANS TO BRING IT BACK TO THE FULL
16:06:10 7 COMMISSION.

16:06:10 8 SEVERAL ASPECTS OF CRC 95 WILL IMPACT THE
16:06:14 9 ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO MANAGE OUR VALUABLE
16:06:16 10 WATER RESOURCES AND STORM WATER SYSTEM IN FLORIDA. SUCH
16:06:18 11 A BROADLY WRITTEN CLAUSE WILL HAVE DEFINITE SERIOUS AND
16:06:22 12 LONG LASTING IMPACTS. THE HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY
16:06:26 13 OF FLORIDA VARY SIGNIFICANTLY BY REGION. FDEP
16:06:32 14 ADMINISTERS A PROGRAM FOR WATER QUALITY IN REACTION TO
16:06:32 15 THE SCIENTIFIC COMPLEXITY THAT REQUIRES LOCAL
16:06:36 16 GOVERNMENTS TO REDUCE THE NUTRIENT LOADINGS TO WATER
16:06:38 17 BODIES IN THEIR JURISDICTIONS. MANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
16:06:42 18 MUST ALSO COMPLY WITH STORM WATER PERMITS WHICH HAVE A
16:06:46 19 DIFFERENT SET OF REQUIREMENTS.

16:06:48 20 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FACES MANY WATER
16:06:50 21 CHALLENGES. CAPE CORAL HAS HAD TOO LITTLE WATER AND
16:06:52 22 FLOODING ALL WITHIN A FEW WEEKS TIME, AND SOME RESIDENTS
16:06:56 23 IN COLLIER AND LEE COUNTIES ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM
16:06:58 24 THE WIDESPREAD FLOODING FROM HURRICANE IRMA. FLOODING
16:07:02 25 AND WATER QUALITY ARE SERIOUS AND COMPLICATED ISSUES AND

16:07:06 1 CRC 95 WILL HAVE A CONSEQUENCE OF LIMITING LOCAL
16:07:10 2 GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO ADDRESS THESE CONDITIONS AND
16:07:12 3 FUND NEEDED IMPROVEMENT AND PROGRAMS FOR FLOODING AND
16:07:14 4 WATER QUALITY.

16:07:16 5 HERE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, OUR LOCAL
16:07:18 6 RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES RELY HEAVILY ON THE QUALITY OF
16:07:22 7 OUR WATER. IN FACT, WE STAND HERE TODAY IN A HOTEL
16:07:24 8 CONFERENCE CENTER THAT RELIES ON THE CONTINUED HEALTH OF
16:07:28 9 THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER. WE KIND ASK YOU THAT YOU
16:07:30 10 WITHDRAW ALL FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CRC 95. THANK YOU
16:07:36 11 FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE CRC.

16:07:40 12 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU VERY
16:07:40 13 MUCH. YES, SIR.

16:07:42 14 MR. NEU: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
16:07:44 15 MICHAEL NEU AND I AM THE ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
16:07:44 16 ECONOMICS AT AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY. I HAVE A PH.D. IN
16:07:48 17 POLITICAL SCIENCE AND MASTERS DEGREES IN STATISTICS,
16:07:50 18 BOTH FROM STANFORD. ONE OF MY MAIN TOPICS OF RESEARCH
16:07:54 19 IS THE IMPACT OF PRO-LIFE LAWS. I HAVE PUBLISHED FOUR
16:07:56 20 ARTICLES IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND POLICY ANALYSES. I'M
16:08:00 21 HERE TO TALK ABOUT FLORIDA'S PRIVACY CLAUSE AS IT
16:08:04 22 PERTAINS TO PROTECTED PRO-LIFE LAWS.

16:08:06 23 THE PRIVACY CLAUSE WAS ADOPTED BY FLORIDA'S
16:08:10 24 CONSTITUTION IN 1980. SINCE THAT TIME, JUDGES HAVE USED
16:08:12 25 IT REPEATEDLY TO STRIKE DOWN THE NUMBER OF PROTECTED

16:08:14 1 PRO-LIFE LAWS. ON TWO OCCASIONS IT WAS USED TO STRIKE
16:08:16 2 DOWN A PRO-LIFE CRIMINAL INVOLVEMENT LAW. A CRIMINAL
16:08:22 3 INVOLVEMENT LAW WAS UPHELD IN 2005, BUT A PRIVACY CLAUSE
16:08:22 4 WAS MUCH HARDER TO IMPLEMENT OR ENACT, AND JUST TWO
16:08:26 5 YEARS AGO THIS PRIVACY CLAUSE WAS USED TO STRIKE DOWN A
16:08:30 6 24-HOUR WAITING PERIOD FOR AN ABORTION. SO THIS PRIVACY
16:08:32 7 CLAUSE TO THIS DAY MAKES IT HARDER FOR FLORIDIANS TO
16:08:38 8 ENACT COMMONSENSE PROTECTIVE PRO-LIFE LAWS THAT HAVE
16:08:40 9 BEEN PUT IN PLACE IN OTHER STATES.

16:08:40 10 THERE ARE FOUR POINTS TO MY TESTIMONY.
16:08:40 11 FIRST, THE PRIVACY CLAUSE WAS NEVER INTENDED TO HINDER
16:08:44 12 OR OBSTRUCT PRO-LIFE LAWS. THE CLEAR INTENT WAS TO GIVE
16:08:46 13 INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION FROM GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE.
16:08:48 14 ABORTION WAS NOT MENTIONED ANYWHERE IN EITHER THE 1978
16:08:50 15 CRC DEBATE OR IN THE 1980 LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION.
16:08:54 16 NUMBER 2: WAITING PERIODS AND ANOTHER INCREMENTAL
16:08:58 17 PRO-LIFE LAWS ARE POPULAR. TWENTY-SEVEN STATES HAVE A
16:09:02 18 WAITING PERIOD BEFORE YOU CAN GET AN ABORTION AND
16:09:04 19 MULTIPLE MARIST POLLS SHOW THAT 80 PERCENT OF PEOPLE
16:09:06 20 SUPPORT WAITING PERIODS PRIOR TO ABORTIONS.

16:09:10 21 THE THIRD PART I WANT TO MAKE IS WAITING
16:09:10 22 PERIODS ARE EFFECTIVE GOOD PUBLIC POLICY. ANOTHER OF
16:09:14 23 THESE STUDIES SHOW THEY DO REDUCE THE ABORTION RATES BY
16:09:16 24 TEN PERCENT. THERE IS A STUDY FROM UTAH WHICH SHOWED
16:09:18 25 NUMBERS OF ABORTIONS FELL BY EIGHT PERCENT AND THE WOMEN

16:09:20 1 WHO DIDN'T GET ABORTIONS SHOWED A HIGHER DEGREE OF
16:09:24 2 DECISIONAL UNCERTAINTY. SO THESE LAWS LIKELY STEERED
16:09:26 3 THESE WOMEN TOWARD MORE LIFE-AFFIRMING ALTERNATIVES.

16:09:28 4 FOURTH: I AM CONCERNED WITH THE PRIVACY
16:09:30 5 CLAUSE AS IT'S CONSTITUTED COULD UNDERMINE THE SANCTITY
16:09:34 6 OF LIFE IN OTHER WAYS. AS SUICIDE IS A HOT ISSUE IT
16:09:36 7 MIGHT COME UP. IF IT DOES COME UP IT SHOULD BE DECIDED
16:09:40 8 BY LEGISLATURE IN HEARINGS AND DEBATES AND WITNESSES AND
16:09:42 9 IT SHOULD NOT BE DECIDED BY JUDICIAL FIAT. THANK YOU.

16:09:44 10 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, DR. NEU.
16:09:44 11 YES, SIR.

16:09:46 12 MR. THORPE: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS.
16:09:48 13 MY NAME IS CHRIS THORPE FROM SARASOTA AND I WOULD LIKE
16:09:50 14 TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO
16:09:54 15 SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. I AM HERE AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN TO
16:09:56 16 SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 88. MY MOTHER WAS
16:10:00 17 SEVERELY BURNED THIS PAST OCTOBER WHEN SHE WAS LEFT
16:10:04 18 UNATTENDED IN A SHOWER ROOM AT AN ASSISTED LIVING
16:10:08 19 FACILITY. THE ATTENDANT IN CHARGE OF HER CASE -- OF HER
16:10:10 20 CARE AT THE TIME PLACED HER IN A SHOWER CHAIR, TURNED ON
16:10:12 21 THE WATER WHICH FLOWED FROM A SHOWER HOSE ONTO THE WALL
16:10:18 22 AND THEN UNFORTUNATELY SHE LEFT THE SHOWER AREA. DURING
16:10:22 23 HER ABSENCE THE SHOWER HAD PIVOTED DIRECTING TO WHAT WAS
16:10:28 24 LATER DETERMINED TO BE 122-DEGREE WATER ONTO HER LOWER
16:10:30 25 BODY RESULTING IN SECOND AND THIRD-DEGREE BURNS. SKIN

16:10:36 1 GRAFT SURGERY AND HOSPITALIZATION AT THE BLAKE BURN
16:10:40 2 CENTER IN BRADENTON AND ONGOING CARE BY THE BURN CENTER
16:10:44 3 INCLUDING AN APPOINTMENT TOMORROW.

16:10:46 4 BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
16:10:48 5 AND THE AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION HAVE FOUND
16:10:52 6 FAULT WITH THE FACILITY AND ISSUED CITATIONS AND
16:10:56 7 FINDINGS OF NEGLECT. AS A RESULT OF HER INJURIES MOM
16:11:00 8 NOW RECEIVES CARE AT A SKILLED NURSING FACILITY COSTING
16:11:02 9 TWICE THE RATE OF HER PREVIOUS FACILITY. WHILE MOM HAS
16:11:06 10 RECEIVED LOVING CARE FROM MANY DEDICATED HEALTHCARE
16:11:10 11 PROFESSIONALS, SOME OF WHOM ARE DEAR FAMILY FRIENDS
16:11:14 12 TODAY, SHE HAS ALSO ENDURED SERIOUS INJURY AND OUR
16:11:18 13 FAMILY SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL HARM. WE ARE IN THE MIDST
16:11:20 14 OF WORKING THROUGH MOM'S CARE ISSUES AND FIND THE
16:11:22 15 CURRENT LEVELS OF RIGHTS INSUFFICIENT TO REMEDY THE
16:11:26 16 INJURY AND HARM CONFIRMED BY MULTIPLE STATE AGENCIES.

16:11:32 17 WE FEEL THAT THE RIGHTS ON NURSING HOME AND
16:11:34 18 ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ENHANCED WITHIN THE
16:11:38 19 CONSTITUTION OF FLORIDA. PROPOSAL 88 WILL STRONGLY
16:11:42 20 IMPROVE EXISTING RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW. AS A FAMILY
16:11:46 21 WHICH HAS SUFFERED ABUSE, WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO
16:11:48 22 SUPPORT PROPOSAL 88.

16:11:50 23 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, SIR.
16:11:50 24 YES, MA'AM.

16:11:52 25 MS. DIPPEL: COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR

16:11:54 1 ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK AND ATTENDING THIS FUNCTION.

16:11:58 2 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: YOUR NAME?

16:12:00 3 MS. DIPPEL: MY NAME IS SHARON DIPPEL. I

16:12:02 4 WAS BORN IN MIAMI, FLORIDA AND I HAVE LIVED MY ENTIRE

16:12:06 5 LIFE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. I AM HERE TODAY TO ASK

16:12:08 6 YOU TO VOTE NO ON PROP 67. I OPPOSE IT. I RUN THE

16:12:14 7 TRACK ADOPTION PROGRAM AT NAPLES, FORT MYERS AND FLAGLER

16:12:18 8 GREYHOUND TRACKS. WE RECEIVE MONTHLY FUNDS FROM OUR

16:12:22 9 TRACKS AND HAVE AN INJURY FUND IN PLACE THAT IS PROVIDED

16:12:26 10 BY THE INDUSTRY. WE GO OUT ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND

16:12:28 11 GENERATE FUNDS TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF OUR ADOPTION

16:12:32 12 PROGRAM. DONATIONS ARE ALSO GIVEN TO US BY THE

16:12:36 13 INDUSTRY. WE JUST RECEIVED A \$500 CHECK FROM ONE OF OUR

16:12:38 14 KENNELS. WE ARE 100 PERCENT VOLUNTEER BASED, NOT PAID

16:12:44 15 LIKE THE OPPOSITION.

16:12:46 16 EVERY DOG ON OUR TRACK GETS ADOPTED. NONE

16:12:50 17 GET LOST NOR DO THEY DISAPPEAR. EVERY DOG ON OUR TRACK

16:12:56 18 THAT NEEDS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE GETS IT. IT IS A TRUE

16:13:00 19 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ADOPTION AND KENNEL. ADOPTION PAYS

16:13:04 20 THROUGH THE FUND THAT IS SET UP BY THE INDUSTRY, KENNEL

16:13:08 21 HOLDS AND REHABS UNTIL THE VETERINARIANS RELEASE THE

16:13:12 22 DOGS FOR ADOPTION. THEY ALSO TRANSPORT WEEKLY THESE

16:13:16 23 DOGS TO THE VETS. MY KENNELS LOVE THEIR DOGS. MY

16:13:20 24 KENNELS TAKE CARE OF THEIR DOGS.

16:13:26 25 I'M NOT SURE IF YOU ARE AWARE, BUT WE HAVE

16:13:30 1 THE BEST BREED ADOPTION PERCENTAGE IN THE UNITED STATES.
16:13:34 2 GREYHOUND ADOPTION IS AT 95 PERCENT. WE HAVE HAPPY
16:13:42 3 HEALTHY DOGS THAT ARE ADOPTED. I LISTENED TO THE HORROR
16:13:46 4 STORIES AND I WONDER WHY MY INDUSTRY IS BEING HELD TO A
16:13:50 5 HIGHER STANDARD THAN THE PUBLIC. THE HUMANE SOCIETY,
16:13:54 6 THE ASPCA --

16:13:56 7 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, MA'AM.
16:13:58 8 THAT'S TIME. STEWART WISONG, SY WOON, OLIVIA CERRETANI
16:13:58 9 AND DAVID OGDEN. YES, MA'AM.

16:13:58 10 MS. METEVIA: HELLO. I AM IS KELLY METEVIA
16:14:12 11 OF FORT MYERS. THIS MUST BE A GRUELING DAY FOR YOU.
16:14:16 12 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HEARING EVERYONE'S TESTIMONY. I
16:14:18 13 CONTINUE TO BE DISTURBED BY THE FAR REACHING
16:14:18 14 INTERPRETATION OF FLORIDA'S PRIVACY AMENDMENT IN ARTICLE
16:14:24 15 I SECTION 23 OF OUR STATE CONSTITUTION ALLOWING MINORS
16:14:26 16 TO HAVE AN ABORTION WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT. THIS IS
16:14:28 17 NOT A PRO-LIFE, PRO-CHOICE ISSUE. TIGHTENING THE
16:14:32 18 LANGUAGE OF THIS AMENDMENT WILL NOT MAKE ABORTIONS
16:14:34 19 ILLEGAL FOR MINORS OR FOR ANYONE ELSE. ABSOLUTELY NO
16:14:38 20 RIGHTS ARE BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM ANYONE TO HAVE AN
16:14:40 21 ABORTION. HOWEVER, IF THIS AMENDMENT IS CONTINUALLY
16:14:44 22 ALLOWED TO BE INTERPRETED IN A WAY THE ORIGINAL DRAFTERS
16:14:48 23 DID NOT SEEM TO INTEND, THE ONLY PEOPLE LOSING THEIR
16:14:50 24 RIGHTS ARE PARENTS. AS A MOTHER OF TWO GIRLS I
16:14:54 25 VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE LOSING MY RIGHTS AND HAVING THEM TAKEN

16:14:58 1 AWAY.

16:14:58 2 IN FLORIDA, PIERCINGS, TATTOOS, PLASTIC

16:15:00 3 SURGERY, DENTAL PROCEDURES AND ALL OTHER SURGERIES

16:15:06 4 REQUIRE PARENTAL CONSENT FOR MINORS. KIDS CANNOT EVEN

16:15:06 5 GET AN ASPIRIN AT SCHOOL FROM A NURSE AT SCHOOL WITHOUT

16:15:10 6 A PARENT'S CONSENT, AND CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18

16:15:12 7 CAN'T BUY CERTAIN KINDS OF OVER-THE-COUNTER COUGH SYRUP.

16:15:16 8 STUDIES ARE SHOWING ON AVERAGE PUBERTY IS

16:15:18 9 NOW STARTING FOR GIRLS AT TEN YEARS OLD. WHAT A VICTORY

16:15:24 10 FOR CHILD RAPISTS AND PEDOPHILES KNOWING THEY CAN

16:15:24 11 CONTINUALLY ASSAULT YOUNG GIRLS AND POSSIBLY TAKE THEM

16:15:28 12 IN THEMSELVES FOR ABORTIONS AND THEIR PARENTS WILL NEVER

16:15:32 13 NEED TO KNOW.

16:15:34 14 SINCE THIS IS NOT A PRO-LIFE, PRO-CHOICE

16:15:36 15 ISSUE, AN ABORTION WILL STILL BE LEGAL IN FLORIDA IF A

16:15:36 16 PARENT DECIDES AN ABORTION IS RIGHT FOR THEIR FOR THEIR

16:15:40 17 CHILD THEY CAN TAKE THEM TO A REPUTABLE CLINIC, MONITOR

16:15:42 18 THE SITUATION AND HAVE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT AVAILABLE

16:15:46 19 FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURE.

16:15:48 20 IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT SCHOOL SHOOTING IN

16:15:50 21 PARKLAND AND OTHERS AROUND THE COUNTRY, I DO HEAR PEOPLE

16:15:52 22 SAYING ABOUT THE SHOOTERS, "WHERE ARE THE PARENTS?"

16:15:56 23 PARENTS KEEP TRACK OF YOUR KIDS. KNOW WHAT THEY ARE

16:15:58 24 DOING. SHOW THE COUNTRY THAT FLORIDA IS CONCERNED ABOUT

16:16:00 25 THE ACTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR MINORS AND THE

16:16:04 1 RIGHTS OF THEIR PARENTS TO GUIDE THEM THROUGH DIFFICULT
16:16:06 2 AND LIFE-ALTERING DECISIONS BY ALLOWING THIS ISSUE ON
16:16:10 3 THE BALLOT AND RESURRECTING PROPOSAL 22. THANK YOU.

16:16:12 4 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

16:16:12 5 MR. WISONG: GOOD AFTERNOON. VOTE YES ON
16:16:20 6 PROPOSAL 67. MY NAME IS STEWART WISONG, DIRECTOR OF THE
16:16:28 7 ANGEL LEGACY FOR ANIMAL WELFARE. GREYHOUNDS ARE SLAVES
16:16:30 8 IN ENTERTAINMENT. THEY SUFFER FROM ENDLESS RACING
16:16:34 9 AROUND THE TRACK UNTIL THEY EITHER DIE PREMATURELY OR
16:16:38 10 ARE EUTHANIZED BECAUSE IT WOULD COST TOO MUCH TO BRING
16:16:40 11 THEM BACK TO HEALTH. THERE THEY LAY IN CAGES EXHAUSTED
16:16:44 12 AND LONELY FOR KINDNESS. AND DO YOU KNOW THEY OFTEN ARE
16:16:52 13 OBSERVED LOOKING UP AT THE EYES OF THE PERSON THAT IS
16:16:54 14 PUTTING THE HARNESS AND LICK THE HAND? I'M ASKING YOU
16:17:00 15 THIS EVENING TO DO THE RIGHT THING, THE RIGHT THING.
16:17:04 16 RELEASE THESE KINDRED SPIRITS FROM A LIFE OF ENDLESS
16:17:08 17 RACING AND SPENDING THEIR DAYS AND NIGHTS IN CAGES
16:17:10 18 WITHOUT ANY HUMAN KINDNESS. I KNOW MANY OF YOU HAVE A
16:17:14 19 PET IN YOUR HOME. THESE PETS HAVE NO HOME. THEY LIVE
16:17:22 20 EACH DAY IN PAIN AND INHUMANE SLAVERY.

16:17:28 21 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: YES, MA'AM.

16:17:30 22 MS. RACHWAL: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
16:17:32 23 ESTHER RACHWAL AND I HAVE LIVED IN SARASOTA COUNTY FOR
16:17:36 24 ALMOST 33 YEARS IN THE SAME HOUSE. I'M HERE TO TALK TO
16:17:42 25 YOU ON PROPOSAL 43. I DO FEEL THAT WE HAVE TERM LIMITS

16:17:48 1 FOR EVERYONE IN THE LEGISLATURE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
16:17:52 2 TERM LIMITS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD. WE HAVE HAD ABOUT
16:17:56 3 FIVE -- FOUR OR FIVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRIED TO GET ON THE
16:18:00 4 SCHOOL BOARD BUT THEY CAN'T EVEN GET PAST THE PRIMARY
16:18:04 5 BECAUSE THE INCUMBENTS REALLY TAKE OVER. IF WE HAVE
16:18:08 6 TERM LIMITS -- WE HAVE HAD SOME OF THE PEOPLE THERE THAT
16:18:12 7 HAVE BEEN THERE OVER 15 YEARS. WE FEEL THAT IF YOU HAVE
16:18:16 8 TWO 4-YEAR TERMS, THAT'S EIGHT YEARS. THAT SHOULD BE
16:18:20 9 SUFFICIENT. AND THAT WAY OTHER PEOPLE CAN HAVE A
16:18:22 10 CHANCE. NOW THEY SPEND A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY AND
16:18:28 11 TIME AND EFFORT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO RUN ONLY TO NEVER
16:18:32 12 HAVE A CHANCE. GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A
16:18:34 13 CHANCE TO GET ON OUR SCHOOL BOARD AND GIVE SOME
16:18:36 14 DIVERSITY SO THAT THEY CAN WIN. SO I ASK THAT YOU VOTE
16:18:42 15 IN FAVOR OF SCHOOL BOARD TERM LIMITS JUST LIKE WE HAVE
16:18:46 16 FOR MANY OF THE OTHER LEGISLATORS. IF THEY CAN HAVE
16:18:50 17 TERM LIMITS, I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY CAN'T EITHER. THANK
16:18:50 18 YOU.

16:18:52 19 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

16:18:58 20 MR. WOON: MY NAME IS DR. SY WOON. I AM A
16:18:58 21 MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND VETERINARIAN AT JUSTIN BARTLETT
16:19:02 22 ANIMAL HOSPITAL IN ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA. I AM ALSO
16:19:06 23 THE FLORIDA STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY
16:19:12 24 VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN
16:19:14 25 SUPPORT AND TO IMPLORE YOU TO VOTE YES FOR PROPOSAL 67

16:19:18 1 TO PHASE OUT GREYHOUND RACING. THIS INDUSTRY HAS
16:19:22 2 INHERENT BEHAVIORAL, MEDICAL, WELFARE ISSUES FOR THESE
16:19:26 3 VICTIMS WHO ARE THE GREYHOUND. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY
16:19:30 4 8,000 GREYHOUNDS INCARCERATED IN FLORIDA AND IT'S LIKE
16:19:36 5 BLATANTLY UNETHICAL THAT THESE ANIMALS ARE CONFINED FOR
16:19:40 6 20 TO 23 HOURS PER DAY IN ESSENTIALLY METAL CAGES THAT
16:19:44 7 THEY CAN BARELY TURN AROUND IN. THAT IN ITSELF POSES A
16:19:46 8 WELFARE ISSUE AND THAT IS KIND OF AN INHERENT ASPECT OF
16:19:50 9 IT ASIDE FROM THE INDUSTRY; ASIDE FROM THE EXPECTED
16:19:52 10 INJURY, FRACTURES AND LACERATIONS THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE
16:19:56 11 AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE RACING. THAT IS AN EXPECTED
16:20:00 12 PART OF WHAT WE EXPECT TO SEE AS VETERINARIANS.

16:20:04 13 THE GREYHOUND INDUSTRY HAS SHOWN TIME AND
16:20:06 14 TIME AGAIN THEY CANNOT FOLLOW BASIC REGULATIONS TO
16:20:10 15 SUPPORT AND SAFEGUARD THE WELFARE OF THESE ANIMALS.
16:20:14 16 THERE IS AN ENDLESS LIST OF DOCUMENTED AND WHO KNOWS HOW
16:20:20 17 MANY UNDOCUMENTED INCIDENTS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY IN THE
16:20:24 18 INDUSTRY AND THEY ARE NOT BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE
16:20:26 19 UNFORTUNATELY. GREYHOUNDS ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OF
16:20:30 20 MY OTHER DOG PATIENTS. THEY FEEL THE SAME AMOUNT OF
16:20:34 21 SUFFERING AND PAIN THAT A LABRADOR, A MALTESE OR
16:20:38 22 YORKSHIRE TERRIER IS CAPABLE OF FEELING AND
16:20:40 23 EXPERIENCING. THEY DO NOT HAVE A DIFFERENCE IN PAIN
16:20:42 24 PERCEPTION AND THEREFORE IT IS UNETHICAL THAT THEY ARE
16:20:46 25 REGARDED DIFFERENTLY AND THAT THESE ISSUES ARE ALLOWED

16:20:50 1 TO CONTINUE. I DO NOT HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE FOR
16:20:54 2 SUPPORTING THIS AMENDMENT APART FROM THE FACT THAT I
16:20:56 3 WANT TO SAY THAT --

16:20:58 4 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: IT'S TIME, MA'AM.
16:21:00 5 THANK YOU.

16:21:00 6 HANNAH MAZELLA, SAMANTHA ROMERO, SALLY
16:21:10 7 JACKSON, LORI BURKE AND LAUREN HARKINS.

16:21:10 8 MS. CERRETANI: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON.
16:21:14 9 MY NAME IS OLIVIA CERRETANI AND I STAND BEFORE YOU
16:21:16 10 REPRESENTING A YOUNG FEMALE VIEW ON THE FENCE OF BOTH
16:21:22 11 HEALTHCARE AND PROTECTION IN THE CASE OF ABORTION.

16:21:22 12 REGARDLESS OF OUR PERSONAL OR
16:21:28 13 RELIGIOUS-BASED VIEWS ON ABORTION, IT REMAINS A MEDICAL
16:21:28 14 PROCEDURE. THEREFORE, RISK IS PRESENT. U.S NATIONAL
16:21:32 15 STATISTICS ON ABORTION SHOW THAT TEN PERCENT OF WOMEN
16:21:34 16 UNDERGOING INDUCED ABORTIONS SUFFER FROM IMMEDIATE
16:21:38 17 COMPLICATIONS, OF WHICH ONE-FIFTH WERE CONSIDERED MAJOR.
16:21:40 18 FURTHERMORE, IT IS KNOWN THAT WOMEN UNDER 17 HAVE BEEN
16:21:46 19 FOUND TO FACE TWICE THE NORMAL RISK OF ABORTION THAT
16:21:48 20 LEADS TO IMMEDIATE INFECTION AND FUTURE MISCARRIAGES DUE
16:21:50 21 TO THE FACT THAT THEIR CERVIXES ARE STILL GREEN OR
16:21:54 22 DEVELOPING. THIS IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY RISKS THAT A
16:21:56 23 MERE SEVENTH GRADER CURRENTLY IS REQUIRED TO KEEP AS A
16:22:00 24 SECRET FROM THEIR PARENTS. WHY THEN CAN THEY NOT SIGN
16:22:02 25 OFF FOR THEIR OWN SURGERIES OR DENTIST APPOINTMENTS OR

16:22:06 1 EVEN BUY TYLENOL? IT IS BECAUSE THEY ARE MINORS AND
16:22:06 2 MINORS NEED ASSISTANCE COMPREHENDING RISKS. THIS IS NOT
16:22:10 3 TO Demean MIDDLE SCHOOL OR NOT ACKNOWLEDGE MY OWN FOLLY
16:22:14 4 OR THE FOLLY OF MY OWN PEERS IN MATTERS THROUGHOUT OUR
16:22:16 5 MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS IN HOPES THAT OTHER GIRLS WILL BE
16:22:18 6 BETTER PROTECTED IN THE INSTANCE AT HAND.

16:22:20 7 THE WHOLE CHILD KNOWS THAT NORMAL
16:22:26 8 INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF A 12 TO 14-YEAR-OLD INCLUDES
16:22:28 9 CONCRETE THINKING STYLES IN REGARDS TO IF SOMETHING IS
16:22:30 10 RIGHT OR WRONG. AND THEY BEGIN TO THINK THAT BAD THINGS
16:22:34 11 WILL NOT HAPPEN TO THEM. SO BESIDES THE OBVIOUS, WHAT
16:22:36 12 IS DEVELOPMENTALLY CHANGED IN ADULTS THAT WOULD BE
16:22:42 13 COGNITIVELY SUFFICIENT AND MEDICALLY INDEPENDENT ENOUGH
16:22:42 14 TO CHOOSE TO HAVE AN ABORTION WITHOUT REQUIRED CONSENT?

16:22:44 15 AT 12 TO 14, A GIRL DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE
16:22:48 16 NEED FOR SUPPORT, YET AT AN OLDER AGE THEY MIGHT
16:22:50 17 UNDERSTAND THE VITALITY OF THAT SUPPORT SYSTEM AND WOULD
16:22:54 18 NOT LEGALLY NEED THE OBLIGATION TO OBTAIN THAT.

16:22:56 19 AS OF 2013, THERE WERE OVER 100 STUDIES THAT
16:23:00 20 DEMONSTRATED A CONNECTION BETWEEN ABORTIONS AND
16:23:02 21 SUBSEQUENT MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. ONE STUDY
16:23:04 22 PARTICULARLY FOUND WOMEN WHOSE FIRST PREGNANCIES ENDED
16:23:08 23 IN ABORTION WERE 65 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO SCORE IN THE
16:23:08 24 HIGH RISK RANGE FOR CLINICAL DEPRESSION. PURELY WITH
16:23:08 25 THE INTENT FOR THE WELLBEING OF A YOUNG FEMALE'S

16:23:08 1 PHYSICAL --

16:23:14 2 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU. THAT'S
16:23:16 3 TIME. THANK YOU.

16:23:20 4 MS. JACKSON: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN
16:23:22 5 AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. MY NAME IS SALLY JACKSON
16:23:24 6 AND I AM HERE TODAY AS A VOLUNTEER REPRESENTING THE
16:23:28 7 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION TO SPEAK WITH YOU IN
16:23:30 8 OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL 94 REGARDING TOBACCO LAWS IN THE
16:23:36 9 STATE OF FLORIDA.

16:23:38 10 THE EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT HAS
16:23:40 11 WORKED VERY WELL AND THE PROPOSAL TO MODIFY THAT
16:23:44 12 AMENDMENT HAS US CONCERNED. IN THE YEARS SINCE
16:23:48 13 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS EXISTING AMENDMENT WE HAVE SEEN
16:23:52 14 SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN TOBACCO USE THROUGHOUT OUR
16:23:56 15 STATE. ADULT USAGE SINCE 2007 HAS DROPPED 20 PERCENT,
16:24:02 16 HIGH SCHOOL AGE USAGE HAS DROPPED A TOTAL OF 52 PERCENT
16:24:06 17 AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TOBACCO USE HAS DROPPED 67 PERCENT.
16:24:10 18 THAT IS A TRACK RECORD THAT THE STATE OF FLORIDA CAN BE
16:24:14 19 PROUD OF AND NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO MODIFY THE USE OF
16:24:18 20 THAT FUNDING AND REDIRECT DOLLARS TOWARDS RESEARCH. WE
16:24:22 21 NEED TO CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGNS AND THE LOCAL INITIATIVES
16:24:28 22 TO HELP PUT TOGETHER COALITIONS LIKE THE TOBACCO-FREE
16:24:34 23 COALITION HERE WHICH I WAS A PART OF FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS
16:24:38 24 THAT HAVE HELPED DRIVE RESULTS EVEN BETTER THAN THE
16:24:40 25 STATE OF FLORIDA.

16:24:40 1 OUR RESULTS HERE IN LEE COUNTY NOW ARE 13.4
16:24:44 2 PERCENT COMPARED TO THE OVERALL AVERAGE FOR THE STATE OF
16:24:48 3 15.5 PERCENT. SO I URGE YOU TO KEEP THE EXISTING
16:24:52 4 LANGUAGE OF THE CONSTITUTION AS IT RELATES TO THE
16:24:56 5 TOBACCO FUNDING AND TO FOCUS ON PREVENTION. IT IS
16:24:58 6 WORKING AND IT IS SOMETHING FLORIDA CAN BE PROUD OF.
16:25:02 7 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16:25:04 8 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

16:25:08 9 MS. ROMERO: HI. MY NAME IS SAMANTHA
16:25:12 10 ROMERO. I AM A 16-YEAR-OLD STUDENT AT FORT MYERS. THE
16:25:14 11 FLORIDA PRIVACY ACT IN ARTICLE I SECTION 23 ORIGINALLY
16:25:14 12 INTENDED FOR THE PRIVACY OF CITIZENS AND TO GUARANTEE
16:25:20 13 THEIR INFORMATIONAL SAFEKEEPING. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE
16:25:26 14 ACT'S BIG TERMS, PEOPLE ARE MOVING ITS MEANING INTO
16:25:28 15 THEIR OWN WAY. I WAS SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT FLORIDA'S
16:25:30 16 PRIVACY ACT IS BEING INTERPRETED TO ALLOW MINORS UNDER
16:25:34 17 18 TO HAVE ABORTIONS WITHOUT LETTING THEIR PARENTS KNOW.
16:25:36 18 THIS ISN'T A PRO-CHOICE OR PRO-LIFE ISSUE BECAUSE
16:25:40 19 ABORTIONS WILL REMAIN LEGAL IN ALL OF IN FLORIDA, BUT
16:25:44 20 PARENTS SHOULD KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THEIR KIDS.

16:25:46 21 IN FLORIDA ALL OTHER MEDICAL PROCEDURES
16:25:48 22 REQUIRE A PARENT'S KNOWLEDGE, SO THIS WOULD BE CHANGING
16:25:50 23 THE WAY OUR PARENTS TAKE CARE OF US. SOMEONE MY AGE, A
16:25:54 24 MINOR, MUST LET THEIR PARENTS KNOW IF ANY SURGICAL
16:26:00 25 PROCEDURE IS DONE TO US: IF MY WISDOM TEETH ARE PULLED

16:26:00 1 OUT, LEGS BEING AMPUTATED, I'M HAVING HEART SURGERY. MY
16:26:04 2 PARENTS SHOULD KNOW IF I SHOULD GET AN ABORTION AND ANY
16:26:08 3 MEDICAL PROCEDURE. TIGHTENING THE LANGUAGE OF THIS
16:26:10 4 AMENDMENT WILL SIMPLY MAKE SURE THE PARENTS ARE AWARE OF
16:26:12 5 THEIR CHILD'S ACTIONS IN THIS LIFE-ALTERING SURGICAL
16:26:18 6 PROCEDURE.

16:26:18 7 WHILE MY PARENT'S ADVICE IS SOMETIMES
16:26:22 8 FRUSTRATING, THEIR KNOWLEDGE IS IMPORTANT. IT IS
16:26:24 9 LETTING PARENTS KNOW WHAT MEDICAL PROCEDURES THEIR
16:26:26 10 CHILDREN ARE BEING PUT THROUGH. THEY MIGHT NOT ALWAYS
16:26:30 11 AGREE WITH MY ACTIONS BUT THEY ARE THERE TO GUIDE ME
16:26:32 12 THROUGH THOSE TOUGH DECISIONS IN LIFE.

16:26:34 13 PLEASE ALLOW FLORIDA VOTERS AND PARENTS TO
16:26:36 14 HAVE A SAY ON THIS ISSUE BY PUTTING A REWORDED AMENDMENT
16:26:42 15 ON THE BALLOT IN 2018. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

16:26:44 16 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

16:26:48 17 MS. MARZELLA: MY NAME IS HANNAH MARZELLA
16:26:50 18 AND I CURRENTLY ATTEND A HIGH SCHOOL IN FORT MYERS. I
16:26:52 19 FULLY SUPPORT THE RESURRECTION OF PROPOSAL 22. THIS
16:26:58 20 AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I SECTION 23 HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
16:26:58 21 TO DO WITH PRO-LIFE OR PRO-CHOICE. THIS AMENDMENT
16:27:02 22 SIMPLY PERTAINS TO A MINOR'S SHARING OF MEDICAL
16:27:04 23 INFORMATION REGARDING AN ABORTION WITH A LEGAL GUARDIAN.
16:27:06 24 IT HAS TO DO WITH WHETHER OR NOT A MINOR, A CHILD SHOULD
16:27:08 25 BE ALLOWED TO MAKE A LIFE-ALTERING MEDICAL DECISION

16:27:12 1 WITHOUT A GUARDIAN'S GUIDANCE, SUPPORT OR LOVE.

16:27:14 2 I JUST RECENTLY TURNED 18 AND THE THOUGHT OF

16:27:16 3 NEEDING TO MAKE MY OWN MEDICAL DECISIONS STILL SCARES

16:27:20 4 ME. I CAN'T IMAGINE BEING 12 OR 13 AND BEING TOLD I AM

16:27:20 5 TO MAKE A MAJOR DECISION REGARDING AN ABORTION ON MY

16:27:24 6 OWN, A DECISION THAT WILL AFFECT ME AND MY MENTAL HEALTH

16:27:26 7 THE REST OF MY LIFE. HOW CAN WE EXPECT MINORS TO MAKE

16:27:30 8 THESE DECISIONS WHEN THEY ARE ONLY BEING INFLUENCED BY

16:27:34 9 THE PEOPLE, COMPANIES AND INDUSTRIES THAT WILL BENEFIT

16:27:36 10 FROM THESE ABORTIONS? WHEN WE'RE YOUNG WE THINK WE'RE

16:27:38 11 INVINCIBLE AND WE ABSOLUTELY CANNOT ADMIT WHEN WE HAVE

16:27:40 12 MADE A MISTAKE. CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH LIFE

16:27:42 13 EXPERIENCE TO UNDERSTAND HOW THESE DECISIONS WILL AFFECT

16:27:46 14 THEIR FUTURE. IF WE TELL THEM THEY DO NOT HAVE TO TAKE

16:27:48 15 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS OR MISTAKES, WHY WOULD

16:27:50 16 THEY, EVEN IF IT IS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST TO DO SO? IF

16:27:54 17 WE REQUIRE PARENTS TO SIGN OFF CONSENT IN ORDER FOR A

16:27:56 18 MINOR TO RECEIVE A CHECKUP, A SURGERY, A TATTOO, EVEN A

16:27:56 19 PIERCING, WOULD IT NOT MAKE SENSE TO REQUIRE PARENTAL

16:28:04 20 CONSENT OR AT THE VERY LEAST KNOWLEDGE WHEN A CHILD IS

16:28:04 21 ABOUT TO GO THROUGH AN ABORTION? EVEN IF THEIR PARENTS

16:28:06 22 ARE IN FACT PRO-CHOICE, AT LEAST THEY HAVE THEIR

16:28:10 23 CHILDREN'S BEST INTERESTS AT HEART. THEIR GUARDIANS CAN

16:28:12 24 HELP THEM FIND THE BEST POSSIBLE MEDICAL CARE AND ACCESS

16:28:16 25 TO THERAPY. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN SAFEGUARD

16:28:18 1 THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELLBEING OF MY GENERATION AND
16:28:24 2 GENERATIONS TO FOLLOW. THANK YOU.

16:28:24 3 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

16:28:26 4 KARIN FAHRENHOLZ, VICTOR ROHR, MARK LATELL
16:28:32 5 AND ROBERT OSTBYE.

16:28:38 6 MS. FAHRENHOLZ: MY NAME HIS KARIN
16:28:40 7 FAHRENHOLZ. I'M WITH LEE MISSIONARY OF CHARITY. THANK
16:28:42 8 YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ON THIS COMMISSION. THERE IS NO
16:28:44 9 QUESTION IT IS A SACRIFICE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO
16:28:48 10 SERVE AND ONE FOR WHICH WE AS CITIZENS ARE EVER
16:28:50 11 GRATEFUL.

16:28:52 12 I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL
16:28:54 13 22. THOUGH IT IS NOT A MEASURE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THIS
16:28:58 14 COMMISSION, IT SHOULD BE. ARTICLE I SECTION 23 EXISTS
16:29:00 15 FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING INFORMATION OF
16:29:06 16 PRIVACY. INSTEAD, IT HAS BEEN PERVERTED TO ESTABLISH A
16:29:10 17 FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO ABORTION THAT OVERPOWERS EVEN A
16:29:10 18 PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW AND CONSENT TO THE SURGICAL
16:29:14 19 PROCEDURE OF ABORTION. THIS PROCEDURE USURPS THE MOST
16:29:20 20 FUNDAMENTAL OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, THE INALIENABLE RIGHT
16:29:20 21 TO LIFE.

16:29:20 22 THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT ENGAGED IN RAW
16:29:20 23 JUDICIAL ACTIVISM WHEREIN IT IGNORED THE INTENT OF THE
16:29:28 24 CRC, IGNORED THE INTENT OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND
16:29:30 25 IGNORED THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ADOPTED IT WHEN THEY

16:29:30 1 USED IT TO CREATE A NEW RIGHT TO ABORTION NEVER
16:29:36 2 CONTEMPLATED BY THE DRAFTERS. PLEASE VOTE TO BRING BACK
16:29:44 3 PROPOSAL 22 AND PASS IT OUT AT THE FULL COMMISSION TO
16:29:44 4 CORRECT THIS GRAVE INJUSTICE. AND PLEASE SUPPORT
16:29:44 5 PROPOSAL 4. GOD BLESS YOU AND GOD BLESS AMERICA.

16:29:44 6 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: YES, SIR.

16:29:52 7 MR. OSTBYE: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR
16:29:54 8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS ROBERT
16:29:56 9 OSTBYE. I'M FROM NAPLES, FLORIDA. I'M NOT GOING TO
16:29:58 10 SPEAK TODAY IN OPPOSITION OR SUPPORT FOR ANY PARTICULAR
16:30:02 11 PROPOSAL. INSTEAD, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE
16:30:04 12 PROCESS BY WHICH THESE PROPOSALS MAKE IT THROUGH THE
16:30:08 13 BALLOT, SOMETHING THAT I THINK A LOT OF VOTERS AREN'T
16:30:10 14 VERY FAMILIAR WITH.

16:30:10 15 FOLLOWING THESE PUBLIC HEARINGS A STYLE AND
16:30:16 16 DRAFTING COMMITTEE WILL COME BY AND MAKE THESE PROPOSALS
16:30:16 17 INTO FEWER AMENDMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1998, THERE WERE
16:30:22 18 34 PROPOSALS WHICH WERE COMBINED INTO NINE TOTAL
16:30:22 19 AMENDMENTS. THIS IS INTENDED TO REDUCE VOTER FATIGUE
16:30:22 20 BUT CAN UNFORTUNATELY LEAD TO SOME VERY DIFFICULT
16:30:28 21 DECISIONS FOR VOTERS WHERE THEY NEED TO VOTE ON
16:30:28 22 AMENDMENTS THAT CONTAIN A PROPOSAL THEY SUPPORT, BUT
16:30:32 23 ALSO ONE THAT THEY MAY OPPOSE AS WELL.

16:30:36 24 I WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO
16:30:36 25 AVOID PACKAGING SOME OF THESE PROPOSALS, WHICH YOU HAVE

16:30:40 1 RECEIVED A LOT OF FEEDBACK ABOUT, INTO SINGLE
16:30:40 2 AMENDMENTS. KEEPING THESE PROPOSALS SEPARATE WOULD GIVE
16:30:44 3 VOTERS A CHANCE TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE THINGS THEY
16:30:48 4 FEEL MOST STRONGLY ABOUT WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT WHICH
16:30:48 5 OTHER PROPOSALS MAY BE APPROVED OR REJECTED AS A RESULT.

16:30:52 6 SO FAR TODAY AND SEEING SOME OF THE OTHER
16:30:54 7 HEARINGS, I HAVE HEARD MANY OTHER PEOPLE SPEAKING ABOUT
16:30:58 8 PROPOSALS 67 AND 94. AS A VOTER I DO NOT WANT TO BE PUT
16:31:04 9 IN A POSITION TO VOTE FOR AN AMENDMENT WHICH, FOR
16:31:06 10 EXAMPLE, SAFEGUARDS THE WELFARE OF GREYHOUNDS WHILE ALSO
16:31:10 11 WOULD BE DEFUNDING AN IMPORTANT HEALTH PROGRAM.

16:31:12 12 WITHIN OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, CITIZENS
16:31:14 13 DESERVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON SINGLE ISSUE AMENDMENTS.
16:31:16 14 COMBINING THESE CONTENTIOUS PROPOSALS WOULD UNFAIRLY
16:31:16 15 COMPLICATE THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND DISADVANTAGE
16:31:22 16 VOTERS WHO CARE DEEPLY ABOUT SPECIFIC ISSUES. THANK YOU
16:31:22 17 VERY MUCH.

16:31:24 18 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU.

16:31:26 19 MR. ROHR: HI. MY NAME IS VIC ROHR. I AM
16:31:28 20 THE PRESIDENT OF EAST TOWN REPUBLICAN CLUB IN SARASOTA
16:31:32 21 COUNTY. I THINK I MADE A MISTAKE ON MY SPEAKER CARD.
16:31:36 22 JUST CROSS THAT OUT. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF,
16:31:40 23 NOT ON MY ORGANIZATION.

16:31:44 24 TERM LIMITS FOR SCHOOL BOARDS, CRITICAL. WE
16:31:48 25 HAVE THEM FOR STATE SENATE. WE HAVE THEM FOR HOUSE OF

16:31:52 1 REPRESENTATIVES. WE HAVE THEM IN SARASOTA. WE HAVE
16:31:56 2 THEM FOR THE COUNTY. WE HAVE THEM FOR THE COUNTY
16:31:56 3 COMMISSIONERS. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? IT'S IMPORTANT NOT
16:31:58 4 ONLY FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD BUT FOR ALL DOWN BALLOT
16:32:02 5 OFFICERS. LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.

16:32:08 6 THERE WAS A -- SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW THIS.
16:32:12 7 THERE WAS A TAX COLLECTOR ON THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA.
16:32:16 8 HE WAS 95 YEARS OLD. HE WAS THE LONGEST SERVING TAX
16:32:22 9 COLLECTOR IN FLORIDA. IT WAS PUBLICLY KNOWN THAT HE
16:32:28 10 ONLY CAME TO WORK 15 HOURS A WEEK. NOT ONLY DID HE GET
16:32:36 11 THE NOMINATION, BUT HE DIED A MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTION.
16:32:46 12 HE WAS STILL ELECTED. WE DON'T NEED TO BE VOTING FOR
16:32:52 13 PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAD JUST BECAUSE PEOPLE GO INTO THE
16:32:54 14 BALLOT BOX AND RECOGNIZE THEIR NAME. THERE'S NO
16:32:58 15 DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES. THERE'S NO DISCUSSION OF THE
16:33:02 16 CANDIDATES' POSITIONS. IT'S A METHOD OF KEEPING THE
16:33:06 17 VOTERS IGNORANT. THAT'S WHAT IS HAPPENING. THE VOTERS
16:33:12 18 ARE DELIBERATELY BEING KEPT IGNORANT BECAUSE THERE'S
16:33:16 19 NEVER A REAL CONTEST FOR THESE OFFICERS. I STRONGLY
16:33:20 20 URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR PROPOSITION 43. THANK YOU VERY
16:33:20 21 MUCH.

16:33:26 22 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: THANK YOU, SIR.

16:33:32 23 MR. LATELL: MY NAME IS MARK LATELL AND I
16:33:34 24 LIVE IN FORT MYERS. I'M HERE TO ASK FOR THE
16:33:36 25 RESURRECTION OF PROPOSAL 22, THE PRIVACY RESTORATION

16:33:40 1 ACT. IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THIS
16:33:42 2 PROPOSAL AND THE CRC I HAVE WATCHED SEVERAL HOURS OF
16:33:46 3 VIDEO FROM OTHER CRC MEETINGS AND HEARINGS. AFTER A
16:33:50 4 WHILE I NOTICED A PATTERN. EVERY SPEAKER THAT I
16:33:54 5 LISTENED TO THAT WAS OPPOSED TO PROPOSAL 22 MENTIONED A
16:33:56 6 WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE. THEY REFRAINED FROM SAYING A
16:34:00 7 MINOR'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE OR A YOUNG GIRL'S RIGHT TO
16:34:04 8 CHOOSE. THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE THIS A DEBATE ABOUT
16:34:08 9 CHOICE INSTEAD OF WHAT IT TRULY IS. EITHER THEY ARE NOT
16:34:10 10 AWARE OF THAT OR PURPOSELY IGNORE THE FACT THAT THIS
16:34:14 11 PROPOSAL DOES NOT TAKE AWAY ANYONE'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

16:34:18 12 THIS PROPOSITION CONCERNS THE SAFETY OF
16:34:20 13 CHILDREN. IF YOU PUT 100 PEOPLE IN A ROOM AND ASK THEM
16:34:24 14 IF THEY THINK THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY IS A GOOD THING, 99
16:34:28 15 OUT OF 100 WILL AGREE THAT IT IS. IF YOU PUT THE SAME
16:34:32 16 100 PEOPLE IN A ROOM AND ASK THEM IF THEY THINK PARENTS
16:34:34 17 SHOULD PROTECT, EDUCATE AND SUPPORT AND ADVISE THEIR
16:34:38 18 CHILDREN, 99 OUT OF A 100 WOULD ALSO AGREE. BUT IF YOU
16:34:40 19 PUT THE SAME 100 PEOPLE IN A ROOM AND ASK THEM WHERE
16:34:44 20 THEY STAND ON PRO-LIFE VERSUS PRO-CHOICE, THE NUMBERS
16:34:48 21 MIGHT COME IN CLOSER TO 50-50. THIS IS WHERE THOSE
16:34:52 22 OPPOSED WANT THE DEBATE TO BE, EVEN THOUGH PROPOSAL 22
16:34:56 23 DOES NOT DENY ANYONE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE.

16:34:58 24 WITH THE RISE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET
16:35:00 25 PREDATORS AND ALSO WITH THE RECENT EVENTS INVOLVING THE

16:35:04 1 SCHOOL SHOOTING IN PARKLAND, FLORIDA, THE ENTIRE COUNTRY
16:35:08 2 IS DISCUSSING WHAT THE PROTECTION -- THAT THE PROTECTION
16:35:14 3 OF OUR CHILDREN IS PARAMOUNT. WHY IS IT LESS IMPORTANT
16:35:16 4 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT A SURGICAL PROCEDURE OR THE INGESTION
16:35:18 5 OF CHEMICALS THAT INVOLVE ABORTION? I CAN THINK OF MANY
16:35:22 6 HARMFUL OR NEGATIVE ASPECTS RESULTING FROM A YOUNG GIRL
16:35:24 7 HIDING THIS FROM HER PARENTS AND CHOOSING TO GET AN
16:35:26 8 ABORTION WITHOUT THE CARE, ADVICE AND MORAL SUPPORT OF
16:35:30 9 THEIR PARENTS, BUT I'LL ONLY DISCUSS ONE THAT MANY HAVE
16:35:32 10 NOT CONSIDERED. IF A YOUNG GIRL WAS MISLED, TAKEN
16:35:32 11 ADVANTAGE OF OR EVEN --

16:35:36 12 CHAIRPERSON STEMBERGER: SIR, IT'S TIME.
16:35:38 13 I'M SORRY.

16:35:40 14 AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO TURN THE CHAIR OF
16:35:40 15 THIS COMMISSION OVER TO COMMISSIONER BELINDA KEISER.

16:35:46 16 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU LADIES AND
16:35:46 17 GENTLEMEN. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK EACH SPEAKER TO COME
16:35:48 18 FORWARD FIVE AT A TIME. THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS ARE:
16:35:52 19 RAY JUDAH, DR. JOSEPH DOYLE, MELISSA EVANS, TODD TRAU
16:36:00 20 AND PAMELA RIVIERA. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

16:36:16 21 (UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER): GOOD AFTERNOON.
16:36:16 22 AND I TOO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND
16:36:20 23 WILLINGNESS TO PUT UP WITH ALL OF US AND YOUR PATIENCE.
16:36:26 24 PLEASE KNOW I PRAY FOR YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR GUIDANCE IN
16:36:30 25 THIS PROCESS. WE ALL HAVE VERY MANY DIFFERENT OPINIONS

16:36:34 1 FOR A LOT OF REASONS. I AM A BIG PROMOTER OF A STRONG
16:36:40 2 CONSTITUTION THAT IS VERY FLUID AND ALLOWS FOR THE TRUE
16:36:46 3 GOVERNANCE OF OUR STATE. THERE ARE MANY PROPOSALS THAT
16:36:52 4 I FIND SHOULD PROBABLY BE -- HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN
16:36:56 5 BILLS AND STATUTES RATHER THAN FOR AMENDMENTS FOR THE
16:37:00 6 CONSTITUTION, SO I'M JUST GOING TO SHARE WITH YOU A FEW
16:37:02 7 THAT I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER VOTING
16:37:08 8 NO ON. MANY ASPECTS HAVE TO DO WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY.

16:37:16 9 I BELIEVE IN TERM LIMITS; HOWEVER, I WOULD
16:37:20 10 PREFER TO HAVE SEEN IT DEVELOPED WITHIN STATUTES SO THAT
16:37:26 11 EACH LOCAL DISTRICT -- SO THAT PEOPLE WITHIN THE
16:37:28 12 COMMUNITY COULD DETERMINE WHAT THOSE TERM LIMITS WOULD
16:37:32 13 BE. THE NEEDS FOR LEE COUNTY, FOR COLLIER COUNTY ARE
16:37:36 14 FAR DIFFERENT THAN THE NEEDS OF SOMEONE IN BAY COUNTY,
16:37:42 15 FAR DIFFERENT THAN GASDEN COUNTY. ALONG WITH THAT I
16:37:48 16 WOULD ASK YOU TO VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT -- PROPOSAL 43,
16:37:54 17 AND I WOULD ALSO ASK YOU TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT
16:38:00 18 PROPOSAL 4 IN VOTING NO. AND MY MAIN CONCERN IS THIS:
16:38:04 19 I HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH SCHOOLS BEING SUPPORTED IF IT'S
16:38:10 20 PROMOTING MY FAITH, BUT IF IT'S PROMOTING A FAITH THAT I
16:38:14 21 DISAGREE WITH I MIGHT HAVE QUESTIONS ON, SO I DON'T WANT
16:38:18 22 OPEN DOORS.

16:38:20 23 PROPOSAL 45, I ASK THAT YOU VOTE NO ON THAT
16:38:22 24 AS WELL. THERE ARE ASPECTS THAT ARE WONDERFUL, BUT AT
16:38:26 25 THE SAME POINT HAVE PROBLEMS WITH IT BECAUSE IT'S NOT

16:38:30 1 TIED WITH A FUNDING BASE. THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT
16:38:34 2 WE HAD WITH THE CLASS SIZE REDUCTION.

16:38:36 3 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: TIME IS UP. THANK YOU.

16:38:40 4 MR. TRAUX: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TODD
16:38:44 5 TRAUX. I LIVE IN BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA. I'VE BEEN IN
16:38:46 6 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FOR 20 YEARS. I'M A NURSING HOME
16:38:50 7 ADMINISTRATOR AND A SOCIAL WORKER. I AM ALSO RUNNING
16:38:52 8 FOR CONGRESS. I HAVE STANDS ON QUITE A FEW OF THESE AND
16:38:56 9 I JUST WANT TO BE ON THE RECORD AND HOPEFULLY YOU'LL
16:38:58 10 TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR OWN
16:39:00 11 DECISIONS.

16:39:00 12 PROPOSAL 4, THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS. I
16:39:06 13 WOULD SAY NO ON PROPOSAL 4. PROPOSAL 11, I WOULD SAY
16:39:10 14 YES TO THAT ON THE ELECTIONS ISSUE. PROPOSAL 43,
16:39:16 15 EDUCATION. I DON'T WANT ANY MONEY FROM PUBLIC EDUCATION
16:39:20 16 BEING DIVERTED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, PRIVATE SCHOOLS,
16:39:22 17 RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS WHATSOEVER.

16:39:26 18 SAME GOES FOR PROPOSAL 54, CERTIFICATE OF
16:39:32 19 NEED FOR HOSPITALS AND HOSPICE. I HAVE WORKED FOR
16:39:34 20 HOSPICE IN THE PAST AND I SAY NO TO 54 FOR THE
16:39:38 21 CERTIFICATE OF NEED. THERE'S ALREADY PLENTY OF SERVICES
16:39:42 22 AVAILABLE AND IF WE JUST BROADEN AND OPEN UP THE DOORS
16:39:46 23 THERE WILL BE MORE FACILITIES THAN THERE ARE PEOPLE TO
16:39:48 24 BE TREATED AT THEM.

16:39:50 25 PROPOSAL 71, ALSO A NO. THAT'S ON

16:39:52 1 EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOL BOARDS. PROPOSAL 72
16:39:56 2 PERPETUATES UNDERFUNDING. I WOULD SAY NO TO THAT AS
16:40:00 3 WELL. PROPOSAL 83, YES TO THAT ONE FOR THE STATE
16:40:04 4 COLLEGE SYSTEM.

16:40:04 5 PROPOSAL 88. BEING A NURSING HOME
16:40:08 6 ADMINISTRATOR I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN A
16:40:12 7 FACILITY, AND TO OPEN UP FURTHER LITIGATION DOES NOT
16:40:16 8 HELP THE RESIDENTS AT ALL WITH THIS BILL OF RIGHTS
16:40:18 9 ISSUE, SO PLEASE VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 88. FOR PROPOSAL
16:40:24 10 91, I VOTE YES FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCENIC BEAUTY.
16:40:28 11 WE DO WANT TO KEEP THOSE OIL WELLS AWAY FROM THE
16:40:30 12 COASTLINE. WHEN I WAS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR HOPE HOSPICE
16:40:34 13 I WAS WATCHING THAT OIL RIG JUST KEEP SPEWING OIL INTO
16:40:38 14 THE GULF OF MEXICO AND I WANT TO KEEP THAT FROM
16:40:42 15 HAPPENING. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME.

16:40:46 16 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. WILL THE
16:40:46 17 NEXT FIVE SPEAKERS COME FORWARD: LYNZI BAXTER, MADELINE
16:41:04 18 DORAN, LARRY HART, JAYSEN ROA AND JIM BLANCHARD PLEASE
16:41:14 19 COME FORWARD.

16:41:22 20 MS. DORAN: I AM MADELEINE DORAN, A 50-YEAR
16:41:24 21 RESIDENT OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA. I AM HERE TO SPEAK FOR
16:41:28 22 THE 8,000 RACING GREYHOUNDS WHO ARE CONFINED 22 TO 23
16:41:34 23 HOURS A DAY IN A KENNEL THAT'S BARELY LARGE ENOUGH FOR
16:41:40 24 THEM TO TURN AROUND. IN JUST THIS YEAR ALONE, 20
16:41:50 25 GREYHOUNDS HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COCAINE. AND IF YOU

16:41:58 1 WANT TO TALK ABOUT MONEY, IN A STUDY COMMISSIONED BY THE
16:42:04 2 LEGISLATURE THEY FOUND THAT THE STATE LOST BETWEEN 1
16:42:10 3 MILLION AND 3.8 MILLION BECAUSE REGULATING THE RACING
16:42:16 4 INDUSTRY COSTS MORE THAN THE REVENUES. PLEASE TAKE THE
16:42:22 5 OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT SO WE CAN END THIS
16:42:28 6 VILE INDUSTRY FOREVER.

16:42:30 7 I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT YOU COULD MAKE
16:42:36 8 HISTORY IF YOU PUT THE ISSUE OF BANNING ASSAULT WEAPONS
16:42:42 9 ON THE BALLOT AND LET THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA SPEAK TO IT.
16:42:46 10 THE LEGISLATORS ARE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING BECAUSE
16:42:50 11 THEY ARE RUN BY THE LOBBY. SO PLEASE SUPPORT PROPOSAL
16:43:02 12 67 TO END GREYHOUND RACING AND PLEASE PUT AN AMENDMENT
16:43:06 13 ON THERE AND LET US VOTE TO BAN ASSAULT WEAPONS.

16:43:12 14 MS. EVANS: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
16:43:14 15 MELISSA EVANS, AND I'M OPPOSED TO CP67. I HAVE HAD THE
16:43:22 16 PRIVILEGE TO TAKE CARE OF GREYHOUNDS FOR 35-PLUS YEARS
16:43:26 17 AND IT IS VERY DISTURBING TO LISTEN TO AN OUT-OF-STATE
16:43:32 18 ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP THAT HANDLES OR ADOPTS NO GREYHOUNDS
16:43:36 19 TELL YOU THEY ARE A GREYHOUND PROTECTION GROUP. THEY
16:43:42 20 USED TO BE AN ADVOCACY. WHAT GREYHOUNDS HAVE THESE
16:43:48 21 OUT-OF-STATE RADICAL INDIVIDUALS EVER HELPED? WHEN
16:43:54 22 MASSACHUSETTS QUIT RACING BECAUSE OF THE BALLOT BAN ON
16:43:58 23 BETTING, EVERYONE NOTICED NO HELP FROM THE GROUPS WHO
16:44:02 24 TOLD LEGISLATORS THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEMS, THEY WOULD
16:44:06 25 BE THERE. HERE IS A LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE

16:44:10 1 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL
16:44:16 2 LICENSURE LEGAL COUNSEL: "COMMISSION STAFF HAS REVIEWED
16:44:20 3 ALL DOCUMENTATION REGARDING THE ADOPTION FROM 2009 TO
16:44:26 4 2010. BASED ON THIS REVIEW THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO
16:44:30 5 LOCATE ANY RECORDS SHOWING AN ADOPTION TO ORGANIZATIONS
16:44:34 6 KNOWN AS GREY2K USA, THE COMMITTEE TO PROTECT DOGS, THE
16:44:40 7 MSPCA OR THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY
16:44:46 8 WILL HELP WITH THE SAME AMOUNT IN FLORIDA: ZERO.
16:44:52 9 MASSACHUSETTS HAD 700 TO 900. FLORIDA WOULD HAVE 10,000
16:44:56 10 TO 15,000 GREYHOUNDS HOMELESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

16:45:06 11 MR. HART: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS
16:45:08 12 LARRY HART AND I'M THE CURRENT LEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR.
16:45:10 13 LET ME FIRST SAY I DON'T HAVE NO INTENTION OF STAYING IN
16:45:14 14 OFFICE FOR 45 YEARS AS THE GENTLEMAN SPOKE EARLIER.
16:45:16 15 ALSO LET ME THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. THIS IS A VERY
16:45:20 16 DIFFICULT POSITION TO BE IN, BUT THE CITIZENS OF THE
16:45:22 17 STATE OF FLORIDA ARE DEPENDING ON YOU AND THEY ARE
16:45:24 18 DEPENDING ON YOU TO DO THE RIGHT THING.

16:45:28 19 I SPEAK TODAY IN REFERENCE TO PROPOSAL 13.
16:45:30 20 IT'S ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROPOSALS THAT YOU HAVE
16:45:34 21 FACING YOU TODAY IN ADDITION TO MANY OTHER OBSTACLES.
16:45:38 22 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WHAT WE DO IN THE COMMUNITY AS
16:45:42 23 COUNTY OFFICERS, THEY GO IN THE HANDS OF THE COMMUNITY
16:45:46 24 THAT WE SERVE. IT'S IMPORTANT TODAY THAT THE CITIZENS
16:45:50 25 OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE,

16:45:54 1 THAT THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE INDIVIDUALS INTO
16:45:58 2 OFFICE AND THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE THEM OUT OF
16:46:00 3 OFFICE. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE CONSISTENCY IN THE
16:46:06 4 STATE OF FLORIDA IS IMPORTANT TO US. AND MORE
16:46:10 5 IMPORTANTLY THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WHAT LEADS TO
16:46:12 6 CORRUPTION AND HOW CORRUPTION GETS STARTED, THE CITIZENS
16:46:16 7 OF FLORIDA CAN STOP CORRUPTION BY PUTTING SOMEONE IN
16:46:20 8 OFFICE AS WELL AS TAKING THEM OUT. SO I URGE YOU TO
16:46:24 9 SUPPORT PROPOSAL 13. THANK YOU.

16:46:28 10 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU.

16:46:30 11 MR. ROA: GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS.
16:46:32 12 FIRST AND FOREMOST, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE ON THE
16:46:36 13 COMMISSION. IT'S APPRECIATED BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE
16:46:38 14 STATE OF FLORIDA. MY NAME IS JAYSEN ROA. I'M THE
16:46:40 15 PRESIDENT AND CEO OF AVOW HOSPICE IN NAPLES, FLORIDA. I
16:46:40 16 AM ALSO A RESIDENT OF COLLIER COUNTY IN NAPLES, FLORIDA.
16:46:44 17 I'VE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS
16:46:48 18 THE CEO OF AVOW FOR THREE YEARS, AND PRIOR TO THAT I
16:46:52 19 SPENT THE BETTER PART OF 14 YEARS ACROSS FLORIDA SERVING
16:46:54 20 OTHER HOSPICES. SO I COME TO YOU TODAY, BOTH TO SPEAK
16:46:58 21 AS NOT ONLY AS SOMEBODY WHO TAKES PART EVERY DAY IN A
16:47:04 22 HOSPICE ORGANIZATION IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, BUT ALSO
16:47:04 23 TO SPEAK TO YOU AS A CONSUMER OF HOSPICE SERVICES.

16:47:06 24 I HAVE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE WITH PERSONAL
16:47:10 25 FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ON HOSPICES THROUGHOUT THE

16:47:12 1 STATE OF FLORIDA AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT WAS GREAT.
16:47:14 2 AND UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE ALSO HEARD THE COUNTER SIDE OF
16:47:18 3 THAT FROM PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE OF THE STATE WHO ARE OFTEN
16:47:24 4 CONFUSED US AS TO WHY THE SERVICES IN FLORIDA IN MANY
16:47:26 5 CASES ARE MUCH BETTER THAN THEY RECEIVED OUTSIDE THE
16:47:28 6 STATE OF FLORIDA. AND REALLY THE ANSWER IS CERTIFICATE
16:47:28 7 OF NEED. SO I AM HERE TODAY TO RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT
16:47:32 8 THE CRC AMEND PROP 54 TO REMOVE HOSPICE FROM THAT.

16:47:36 9 QUITE OFTEN, MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATURES
16:47:40 10 BOTH IN THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE HERE IN FLORIDA,
16:47:42 11 OFTENTIMES YOU BRING UP CON AND THE FIRST THING THEY
16:47:46 12 STAY SAY IS, "WELL, I AM A FREE MARKET PERSON. I
16:47:48 13 BELIEVE IN THE FREE MARKET." QUITE FRANKLY, WHEN IT
16:47:50 14 DEALS WITH HOSPICE SERVICES THE FREE MARKET DOES NOT
16:47:52 15 APPLY. ROUGHLY ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF OUR REIMBURSEMENT
16:47:56 16 COMES FROM EITHER MEDICARE OR MEDICAID, AND SO OUR FEES
16:47:58 17 ARE SET BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND IN MANY CASES
16:48:02 18 ADOPTED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT, AND SO THEREFORE THERE
16:48:04 19 IS NO FLEXIBILITY.

16:48:06 20 WE HAVE SEEN THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES
16:48:06 21 THAT MORE DOESN'T EQUAL BETTER OR EVEN GOOD QUALITY OF
16:48:12 22 CARE. IN MANY STATES WHERE HOSPICE CON HAS BEEN
16:48:16 23 ELIMINATED THEY HAVE SEEN A FLOOD OF PEOPLE INTO THE
16:48:18 24 MARKET, WHO QUITE FRANKLY IN SOME CASES WERE NOT
16:48:22 25 PREPARED OR DIDN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT EXISTING

16:48:28 1 HOSPICES HAD. SO AGAIN, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT YOU
16:48:28 2 AMEND PROPOSITION 54 TO REMOVE HOSPICE. THANK YOU VERY
16:48:28 3 MUCH.

16:48:34 4 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. MA'AM,
16:48:34 5 BEFORE YOU SPEAK I WANT TO CALL THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS:
16:48:36 6 SARAH BLANCHARD, CARL VEAUX, STEVE GRABARCZYK, ALISA
16:48:36 7 BRABARCZYK AND SALLY BAPTISTE.

16:48:50 8 MS. BAXTER: HI. MY NAME IS LYNZI BAXTER.
16:48:52 9 I AM A 17-YEAR-OLD IN CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA. AND I'M HERE
16:48:58 10 TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT HOW MINORS SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
16:49:02 11 RECEIVE AN ABORTION WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.

16:49:04 12 WHILE MANY KIDS ARE NOT CLOSE WITH THEIR
16:49:06 13 PARENTS, IT DOESN'T MEAN THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE AN
16:49:10 14 ABORTION WITHOUT THEIR PARENTS KNOWING. WHAT IF THERE
16:49:10 15 IS A COMPLICATION WITH THE PROCESS OF TERMINATION? WHO
16:49:14 16 IS THE DOCTOR GOING TO CALL IF THE PARENTS DON'T KNOW?
16:49:16 17 TEENAGERS HAVE YOUNG MINDS AND AREN'T TOO EXPERIENCED
16:49:20 18 YET. BELIEVE ME, OUR PARENTS ARE THE ONES THAT KNOW A
16:49:24 19 LOT MORE THAN WE DO. I UNDERSTAND THAT TEENAGERS DON'T
16:49:28 20 WANT TO TELL THEIR PARENTS ABOUT BEING PREGNANT BECAUSE
16:49:30 21 THEY ARE AFRAID OF WHAT THEY MIGHT DO TO THEM, BUT THEY
16:49:32 22 WILL HELP US FIND THE BEST CARE POSSIBLE AND FIND THE
16:49:36 23 RIGHT DOCTORS. HAVING AN ABORTION IS A DIFFICULT THING
16:49:44 24 TO GET PASSED BECAUSE THE PERSON KNOWS THAT THEY ARE
16:49:44 25 TERMINATING A LIFE. LATER ON MANY PEOPLE COULD DEVELOP

16:49:48 1 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES KNOWING THAT THEY HAD AN ABORTION.
16:49:52 2 I RESEARCHED SOME STATISTICS FROM
16:49:54 3 AFTERABORTION.ORG WHICH REPORTS THAT 81 PERCENT OF THOSE
16:49:58 4 WHO RECEIVE AN ABORTION ARE MORE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE
16:50:02 5 SUBSEQUENT MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS ACCORDING TO THE NEW
16:50:02 6 STUDY PUBLISHED BY BRITAIN'S ROYAL COLLEGE OF
16:50:10 7 PSYCHIATRIC. WITH THAT IN MIND, THINK OF WHAT TEENAGERS
16:50:12 8 COULD EXPECT AFTER THE DETERMINATION OF A PREGNANCY.
16:50:14 9 I'M NOT TRYING TO SAY THAT ABORTIONS SHOULDN'T BE
16:50:16 10 ALLOWED AT ALL, BUT I'M SAYING IT'S DIFFICULT FOR A
16:50:18 11 PERSON TO OVERCOME THIS BECAUSE THEY MAY LOOK BACK ON IT
16:50:22 12 AND REGRET DOING IT. SO HAVING AN ABORTION IS AN ACTUAL
16:50:24 13 MEDICAL PROCEDURE BEING DONE ON A HUMAN BEING. SO WHAT
16:50:28 14 IF A MINOR NEEDS SURGERY? SHOULD THEY NEED PARENTAL
16:50:34 15 CONSENT? IT'S A HOSPITAL PROCEDURE THAT MAY HAVE
16:50:34 16 COMPLICATIONS AND PROBLEMS JUST LIKE AN ABORTION COULD.
16:50:40 17 THANK YOU.
16:50:40 18 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU.
16:50:44 19 MY NAME IS JIM BLANCHARD. I AM PRESIDENT OF
16:50:46 20 THE FLORIDA GREYHOUND ASSOCIATION. I AM HERE ONCE AGAIN
16:50:48 21 TO DEFEND MY INDUSTRY. LAST WEEK I WATCHED A PARADE OF
16:50:54 22 PEOPLE INCLUDING AN OUT OF STATE AR LEADER WITH LARGE
16:50:56 23 PICTURES OF GREYHOUNDS TELLING THEIR TRAGIC STORIES. I
16:51:00 24 BELIEVE ONE GREYHOUND DYING THIS WAY IS ONE TOO MANY.
16:51:04 25 WITH THAT BEING SAID, SOME OF THE PEOPLE READING ABOUT

16:51:06 1 THE GREYHOUNDS HAD NO IDEA WHO THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT,
16:51:08 2 INCLUDING THEIR LEADER WHOSE PHOTOS STARTED OUT AS A
16:51:12 3 FEMALE AND IN THE LAST HALF OF HIS PRESENTATION TURNED
16:51:14 4 INTO A MALE. MAYBE IT'S A LOW DOSE BIRTH CONTROL BATTLE
16:51:20 5 GOING ON IN THE LEGISLATURE BEING PUSHED BY THE OUT OF
16:51:20 6 STATE RADICALS. HE BELIEVES IN THAT. I'M SURE THE OUT
16:51:24 7 OF STATE RADICALS HAVE A LOT OF WELL INTENDED FOLLOWERS,
16:51:28 8 BUT THEY ARE BEING MISLED. HIS WIFE, THE PRESIDENT, HAS
16:51:32 9 BEEN A FEATURED SPEAKER FOR THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT
16:51:34 10 WHICH THE FBI HAS LISTED AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.
16:51:38 11 HE IS ON THE BOARD OF STOP PREDATORY GAMBLING BUT HAS
16:51:42 12 TESTIFIED HE IS NOT AGAINST TRACKS RETAINING ALL OTHER
16:51:46 13 FORMS OF GAMBLING.

16:51:46 14 MANY OF THE INJURIES AND TRAGEDIES THEY
16:51:50 15 DISPLAY, MOST IF NOT ALL COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY
16:51:56 16 PASSAGE OF THE SMITH ROEDER SAFETY ACT WHICH WOULD
16:51:56 17 REQUIRE TRACKS TO INSTALL CERTAIN DEVICES THAT WOULD
16:52:00 18 PREVENT MANY OF THESE, ESPECIALLY THE BROKEN LEGS AND
16:52:06 19 POOR, POOR PITIFUL ME'S ELECTROCUTION. IT WAS KILLED
16:52:06 20 WITH THE HELP OF THE OUT OF STATE GROUPS, THOSE TWO
16:52:10 21 SITTING OVER THERE AND THE SENATE LEADERSHIP. THEY ALL
16:52:12 22 WERE INTERESTED IN REPORTING INJURIES, NOT PREVENTING
16:52:14 23 THEM.

16:52:16 24 CP67 WILL PUT 15,000 GREYHOUNDS AT RISK,
16:52:24 25 3,000 TO 10,000 JOBS, MANY BUSINESSES WILL BE GONE. THE

16:52:24 1 CITIZENS OF THE FLORIDA WHICH I AM ONE WILL BE LEFT TO
16:52:28 2 PICK UP THE PIECES, POSSIBLY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR
16:52:32 3 HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR DAMAGES UNDER THE
16:52:34 4 BURT HARRIS ACT. AND FOR THE RECORD, THEIR PET ZOE HAD
16:52:38 5 SHREDDERED PAPER FOR BEDDING IN HER CRATE IN THEIR
16:52:38 6 OFFICES. PLEASE, NO MORE PREGNANT PIG AMENDMENTS.

16:52:48 7 MR. VEAUX: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARL
16:52:50 8 VEAUX. MY PROPOSAL IS 46 AND AMENDMENT 1. I GAVE THE
16:52:56 9 COMMISSIONERS MY COMMENTS TODAY ON THE AMENDMENT. I WAS
16:53:00 10 NOT NOTIFIED TO SPEAK ON MY OWN EVENT. WHAT I SUBMITTED
16:53:04 11 TO YOU IS WHAT I WOULD HAVE SAID AT THAT TIME. I
16:53:12 12 RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT TO YOU TO REOPEN MY AMENDMENT AND
16:53:16 13 LET ME SPEAK.

16:53:16 14 I WAS IN THE SERVICE FOR 27 YEARS. I FOUGHT
16:53:18 15 FOR 27 YEARS TO SPEAK AND I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK, SO
16:53:24 16 I RESPECT EITHER THE COMMITTEE TO OPEN IT OR THE
16:53:26 17 COMMITTEE TO READDRESS AMENDMENT 1. AS I SAID, THIS IS
16:53:34 18 A 23 MILLION -- 23 BILLION DOLLAR PROPOSAL. WE HAVE
16:53:40 19 WORKED TO CLEAN UP THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER. PASSING
16:53:50 20 THE AMENDMENT WILL GIVE THE RIVER A CHANCE TO BE CLEANED
16:53:54 21 PROPERLY. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS 16 YEARS WITH NO
16:53:58 22 RESULTS FROM ANYONE. ALSO ECONOMIC PEOPLE FROM THE
16:54:02 23 UPPER CLASSES FROM REAL ESTATE PEOPLE TO LOWER CLASS
16:54:08 24 PEOPLE WORKING IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY ARE AFFECTED
16:54:12 25 BY OUR RIVER. WHEN RED TIDES COME THEY LAY THEM OFF AND

16:54:16 1 YOU CAN'T SELL YOUR HOUSES. WE ARE HURTING IN SOUTHWEST
16:54:20 2 FLORIDA. WE NEED THIS DESPERATELY TO GET ALL 33 PERCENT
16:54:24 3 OF THE (UNINTELLIGIBLE) PASSED OR WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO
16:54:24 4 IT.

16:54:32 5 REPRESENTATIVE BERUFF SAYS HE'S GOING TO DO
16:54:34 6 SOMETHING, BUT HE DOES NOTHING. I DON'T KNOW WHY.
16:54:36 7 THESE PEOPLE GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMPANIES, SO I ASK YOU,
16:54:42 8 TO BEG YOU TO OPEN THIS UP TO ME, LET ME COME UP AND
16:54:46 9 SPEAK. I PAID A THOUSAND DOLLARS TO COME OUT AND SPEAK
16:54:50 10 ON MY ONE THING BECAUSE OF THE LATE TIME WITH THE
16:54:54 11 AIRLINES AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN.

16:54:56 12 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: MR. VEAUX, IT'S TIME.

16:55:00 13 MR. VEAUX: THE ENVIRONMENT IS PARAMOUNT TO
16:55:00 14 A BEAUTIFUL STATE.

16:55:02 15 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: MR. VEAUX, SIR. SIR.
16:55:04 16 THANK YOU, SIR.

16:55:08 17 MS. BLANCHARD: HI. MY NAME IS SARAH
16:55:08 18 BLANCHARD. I'M A BOARD MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA GREYHOUND
16:55:12 19 ASSOCIATION. MY HUSBAND AND I OWN GREYHOUNDS AND WE
16:55:16 20 OPERATE KENNELS. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH GREYHOUND
16:55:18 21 RACING FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS, SEVEN OF WHICH HAVE BEEN
16:55:22 22 IN FLORIDA. TAKING CARE OF GREYHOUNDS IS NOT JUST A
16:55:26 23 FULL-TIME JOB, IT'S A LIFESTYLE, 365 DAYS A YEAR. IT'S
16:55:30 24 CHRISTMAS, EVERYONE IS AT HOME WITH THEIR FAMILIES
16:55:32 25 OPENING THEIR PRESENTS. WE'RE AT THE KENNELS WITH OUR

16:55:36 1 DOGS. THEIR NEEDS ARE OFTENTIMES PUT BEFORE OUR OWN,
16:55:38 2 WHICH IS THAT'S WHY THEY MAKE SUCH AMAZING PETS.

16:55:42 3 I WAS DISTURBED TO HEAR A FEW COMMENTS
16:55:44 4 TODAY. ONE I HEARD FROM, I BELIEVE IT WAS FROM A
16:55:46 5 VETERINARIAN THAT OUR CRATE SIZES ARE TOO SMALL. I HAVE
16:55:50 6 BEEN KNOWN TO GET IN CRATES AND TAKE NAPS WITH MY DOGS
16:55:54 7 IN CRATES. THE CRATE SIZES ARE STATE MANDATED. WE DO
16:55:58 8 NOT GET TO CHOOSE THE SIZE OF THE CRATES. WE ALSO HAD A
16:56:00 9 REPRESENTATIVE FROM PALM BEACH ADOPTION WHICH SHE NOW
16:56:04 10 CALLS HERSELF A RESCUE, WHO WAS ON BOARD WITH RACING
16:56:08 11 UNTIL PALM BEACH KENNEL CLUB STOPPED GIVING HER \$20,000
16:56:12 12 PER YEAR. THAT'S WHEN SHE DECIDED TO JUMP ON THE
16:56:16 13 RADICAL ACTIVIST TRAIN.

16:56:18 14 SO I STRONGLY URGE A NO VOTE ON PROPOSAL 67.
16:56:24 15 TOO MUCH MONEY WOULD LEAVE THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TOO
16:56:28 16 MANY JOBS WOULD BE LOST AND TOO MANY DOGS WOULD HAVE
16:56:30 17 NOWHERE TO GO. AND ONE OTHER THING THAT I HEARD.
16:56:34 18 GREYHOUND RACING IS ILLEGAL IN SEVERAL STATES.
16:56:36 19 GREYHOUND RACING IS ILLEGAL IN IDAHO, ONE STATE. THANK
16:56:36 20 YOU.

16:56:44 21 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

16:56:46 22 MS. BAPTISTE: MY NAME IS SALLY BAPTISTE.
16:56:48 23 I'M FROM ORLANDO, FLORIDA. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY? I AM
16:56:52 24 HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
16:56:54 25 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS AND FLORIDA STATUTE 74 AND

16:56:58 1 GUARDIANSHIP ABUSE. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
16:57:02 2 DECLARATION OF RIGHTS DOES NOT ADDRESS THE REAL PROBLEM.
16:57:06 3 IT SOUNDS GOOD BUT IT MISSES THE POINT. THE RIGHTS
16:57:10 4 INCLUDED IN THE LAST AMENDMENTS ALREADY EXIST IN FLORIDA
16:57:14 5 STATUTE 44. THE PROBLEM IS NO ONE CAN ENFORCE THE
16:57:18 6 EXISTING LAWS. NO ONE IS GOING TO ENFORCE THE
16:57:18 7 CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS EITHER.

16:57:20 8 I AM MAKING REFERENCE TO -- AND YOU WILL SEE
16:57:22 9 I GAVE YOU A PACKET OF INFORMATION. THE DEATH OF
16:57:26 10 101-YEAR-OLD MIRIAM ELIZABETH LANCASTER, WAS IT MERCY OR
16:57:32 11 WAS IT MURDER? HER RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED UNDER STATUTE
16:57:34 12 744 IN SO MANY WAYS. SHE WAS DENIED THE RIGHT TO VOTE.
16:57:38 13 SHE WAS DENIED THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE HER GUARDIAN. SHE
16:57:40 14 WAS DENIED THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHERE SHE WANTED TO LIVE.
16:57:42 15 OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THE MULTIPLE THINGS THAT WERE DONE
16:57:48 16 TO HER VIOLATED HER RIGHTS.

16:57:48 17 THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS YOU ARE DOING DOES
16:57:48 18 NOT ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS. AGAIN, LOOK AT THE LIST
16:57:52 19 THAT I PROVIDED FOR YOU. AND THEN THE OTHER IS TO SAY
16:57:54 20 THE -- BOTTOM LINE, FLORIDA'S TREATMENT OF THE ELDERLY
16:57:58 21 IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, ILLEGAL, UNETHICAL ABUSIVE, UNGODLY
16:58:02 22 AND UN-AMERICAN IF THE TRUTH MATTERS. THE DECLARATION
16:58:06 23 OF RIGHTS AMENDMENTS YOU ARE MAKING DOES NOTHING TO
16:58:08 24 ADDRESS THE REAL PROBLEM. IT DOES NOT ADDRESS THE TRUE
16:58:12 25 GUARDIANSHIP ABUSE. THE LAWS ARE NOT ENFORCED TODAY.

16:58:16 1 IF THE TRUTH MATTERS, THE LAWS ARE NOT ENFORCED AND NO
16:58:20 2 ONE IS OVERSEEING WHAT THE ACTIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE
16:58:22 3 DOING. THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS IS ONLY A POLITICAL
16:58:24 4 WINDOW DRESSING. WHO'S GOING TO ENFORCE THE
16:58:28 5 CONSTITUTION WHEN THEY DON'T ENFORCE THE CURRENT LAWS?

16:58:30 6 MANY, MANY THINGS TODAY ON OUR STATE
16:58:34 7 CONSTITUTION, OUR FEDERAL CONSTITUTION AND OUR STATE
16:58:36 8 STATUTES, NOBODY ENFORCES THE LAW, AND THE GUARDIANSHIP
16:58:40 9 ABUSE IS THE PROBLEM THAT YOU NEED TO BE ADDRESSING.
16:58:42 10 PLEASE STUDY STATE 744 AND THEN GO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT
16:58:44 11 YOU'RE SAYING FOR DECLARATION OF RIGHTS. THANK YOU.

16:58:48 12 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: SALLY, FOR THE RECORD,
16:58:48 13 MAY WE HAVE YOUR FULL NAME?

16:58:50 14 MS. BAPTISTE: SALLY BAPTISTE, ORLANDO,
16:58:54 15 FLORIDA.

16:58:54 16 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: AND THE NEXT FIVE
16:58:54 17 SPEAKERS -- YES, SIR, YOU'LL BE RECOGNIZED IN JUST A
16:58:58 18 MOMENT: DAVID OGDEN, STEVE SCHLACHTER, MICHAEL CORREN,
16:59:06 19 JUSTIN CLARK AND VERA RASNAKE.

16:59:16 20 MR. GRABARCZYK: MY NAME IS STEVE
16:59:18 21 GRABARCZYK, CAPE CORAL, FLORIDA. I AM NOT CONNECTED IN
16:59:20 22 ANY WAY WITH THE INDUSTRY AND I WANT YOU TO VOTE NO ON
16:59:24 23 PROP 67. I AM A FINANCIAL ADVISER. I OWN THREE RETIRED
16:59:30 24 GREYHOUND RACERS; TWO DID NOT RACE, ONE DID. THEY ARE
16:59:32 25 ALL FINE. THIS RADICAL GROUP THAT IS IN OUR STATE HERE

16:59:36 1 NOW, WHAT YOU OUGHT TO KNOW, BACK WHEN THEY STARTED
16:59:38 2 THEIR JOURNEY IN MASSACHUSETTS IN 2000 FROM THE BOSTON
16:59:42 3 HERALD, YOU SHOULD BE EQUALLY APPALLED BY THE EFFORTS OF
16:59:48 4 A GROUP CALLED GREY2K TO WAGE A RUTHLESS CAMPAIGN OF
16:59:48 5 DECEIT, DISTORTION AND DECIMATION OF CHARACTER.

16:59:50 6 RADICAL ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS ARE
16:59:52 7 DETERMINED TO KILL THE GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY BY ANY
16:59:56 8 MEANS NECESSARY, WHICH IS WHY THEY WEREN'T THE LEAST BIT
17:00:00 9 EMBARRASSED WHEN FORCED TO ADMIT THAT MUCH OF THEIR
17:00:00 10 ADVERTISING HAS BEEN FRAUDULENT. SO IF YOU GO TO THE
17:00:04 11 POLLS ONLY TO VOTE NO ON QUESTION THREE, YOU HAVE MADE A
17:00:04 12 COMPELLING STATEMENT REJECTING THIS ATTEMPT TO AMBUSH AN
17:00:10 13 INDUSTRY THROUGH THE DISSEMINATION OF LIES. THAT IS
17:00:10 14 WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR STATE.

17:00:10 15 THE PRESIDENT OF GREY2K WHO TESTIFIES AT
17:00:14 16 EVERY MEETING DOESN'T EVEN LIVE HERE AND RUNS AROUND
17:00:16 17 TELLING THE MEDIA THAT THE DOGS ARE JUICED ON COCAINE
17:00:20 18 AND THERE'S RACE FIXING. I HAVE DONE THE RESEARCH AND I
17:00:24 19 HAVE GIVEN YOU A PACKET. IN FLORIDA THE DOGS ARE TESTED
17:00:28 20 FOR A METABOLITE OF COCAINE. ANY LEVEL OVER ZERO
17:00:30 21 TRIGGERS A POSITIVE. A HUMAN TEST TRIGGERS POSITIVE AT
17:00:34 22 300 NANOGRAMS. A HORSE TRIGGERS POSITIVE AT 150
17:00:38 23 NANOGRAMS. DOGS ZERO. THERE'S EXPERT TESTIMONY ON
17:00:42 24 THIS. TWENTY-FIVE NANOGRAMS, THE 17 GREYHOUNDS THAT
17:00:44 25 THEY LIKE TO TALK ABOUT WERE TESTED AT 25 NANOGRAMS OR

17:00:48 1 LESS. DO YOU KNOW WHAT 25 NANOGRAMS IS? A GRAIN OF
17:00:52 2 SAND WEIGHS 180,000 TIMES 25 NANOGRAMS. THIS IS CALLED
17:00:56 3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION. WHEN YOU TAKE OUT MONEY
17:01:00 4 FROM YOUR WALLETS YOU ARE PROBABLY GOING TO GET COCAINE
17:01:04 5 CONTAMINATION.

17:01:04 6 THEY ALSO MISLED PEOPLE WHEN IT COMES TO
17:01:06 7 BIRTH CONTROL IN GREYHOUNDS. THEY CALL IT A PERFORMANCE
17:01:10 8 ENHANCER. I HAVE GIVEN YOU TESTIMONY FROM TWO DOCTORS,
17:01:14 9 DVMS -- ONE GUY HAS GOT SIX DESIGNATIONS AFTER HIS
17:01:18 10 NAME -- THAT TESTIFIED TO THE TUCSON TRACK ABOUT BIRTH
17:01:20 11 CONTROL IN GREYHOUNDS. THEY CALL A PERFORMANCE
17:01:24 12 ENHANCER. THEY SAY THAT DOGS ARE OUT ON STEROIDS.
17:01:28 13 THAT'S NOT THE CASE.

17:01:28 14 LIKE I SAY, I URGE YOU TO READ THE LETTERS.
17:01:30 15 ONE QUOTE. THIS TOPIC IS ADDRESSED IN THE
17:01:36 16 INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED GREYHOUND CARE TEXTBOOK, THE
17:01:36 17 CARE OF THE RACING AND RETIRED GREYHOUNDS. AND THAT
17:01:38 18 TEXT WHICH IS WIDELY CONSIDERED THE BIBLE OF GREYHOUND
17:01:44 19 HEALTH, (UNINTELLIGIBLE) DVM, PH.D., WRITES, "PREVENTING
17:01:44 20 A GREYHOUND FEMALE FROM CYCLING ACTUALLY PREVENTS DAMAGE
17:01:50 21 TO HER MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM. IT KEEPS HER FROM
17:01:50 22 INJURING HERSELF."

17:01:54 23 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU, SIR.

17:01:54 24 MR. SCHLACHTER: MY NAME IS STEVE
17:02:04 25 SCHLACHTER. I AM A REGISTERED VOTER HERE IN CAPE CORAL,

17:02:08 1 RETIRED 23 YEARS SUBMARINE SAILER AND I AM RECOMMENDING
17:02:16 2 NO ON PROPOSAL 67. GREYHOUND RACING IS GOOD AND IT'S
17:02:22 3 GOOD FOR THE GREYHOUNDS AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THE
17:02:28 4 PEOPLE THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH ARE PASSIONATE, THEY ARE
17:02:32 5 DEDICATED AND THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE. WHEN A DOG GETS
17:02:36 6 HURT, THEY HURT MORE.

17:02:40 7 RECENTLY, FIVE YEARS AGO WE KNEW THAT THERE
17:02:46 8 WAS INJURIES BECAUSE WE HAVE TO REPORT THEM. WE'RE
17:02:48 9 REGULATED. AND AT THE STATE CAPITOL WE SUBMITTED THE
17:02:52 10 SMITH ACT WHICH WOULD PROTECT THE RAILS AT THE TRACK
17:02:56 11 FROM ELECTRICITY. IT WOULD CHANGE THE LURE, AND IT
17:03:00 12 WOULD MAINTAIN THE TRACK AND OUR INJURIES WOULD GO DOWN
17:03:04 13 SUBSTANTIALY. IT WAS DISAPPROVED IN COMMITTEE AND THE
17:03:08 14 OUT-OF-STATE ACTIVISTS WHO WORRIES ABOUT OUR INJURIES
17:03:12 15 VOTED NO AGAINST IT. AND TO THIS DAY WE CAN'T GET THAT
17:03:18 16 ACT THROUGH THE SENATE. SO WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT ABUSE
17:03:22 17 AND CRUELTY, WE NEED MORE HELP. IS THAT ACCURATE, THE
17:03:26 18 TIME?

17:03:28 19 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: YES.

17:03:30 20 MR. SCHLACHTER: I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT THE
17:03:34 21 COUPLING OF THE INDUSTRY TO THE CASINO TO ALLOW US TO
17:03:38 22 RACE AND THE CASINO TO GET SLOTS WAS DONE IN THE
17:03:42 23 LEGISLATURE. WE SHOULDN'T HAVE IT IN THE CONSTITUTION,
17:03:48 24 SO WHY IT'S HAPPENING THIS WAY I THINK IS JUST GOING TO
17:03:52 25 BE AN EXPANSION OF GAMBLING AND I WOULD RECOMMEND NO ON

17:03:56 1 THAT. IF WE HAD TO COME INTO THE SYSTEM THROUGH THE
17:04:00 2 LEGISLATURE, WE SHOULD HAVE TO GO OUT AND I DON'T KNOW
17:04:02 3 WHY IT'S FAIR. THANK YOU.

17:04:04 4 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU, SIR. MA'AM.

17:04:12 5 MS. RASNAKE: GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS
17:04:14 6 VERA RASNAK. I AM A LEE COUNTY HOMEOWNER AND REGISTERED
17:04:18 7 VOTER AND I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN GREYHOUND RACING FOR
17:04:22 8 40 YEARS. I DID NOT GROW UP IN THE INDUSTRY. I
17:04:24 9 ANSWERED AN AD AT MY LOCAL TRACK AND FELL IN LOVE WITH
17:04:28 10 THE BREED. BEFORE MOVING TO LEE COUNTY I WAS DIRECTOR
17:04:36 11 OF MEDIA RELATIONS AT DERBY LANE IN ST. PETE WHERE I
17:04:36 12 WORKED FOR 20 YEARS. I ALSO SERVED ON THE CITIZENS
17:04:40 13 ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING
17:04:42 14 ORGANIZATION. I WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF FRIENDS OF WEEDEN
17:04:46 15 ISLAND PRESERVE. MY POSITIONS AFFORDED ME THE
17:04:50 16 OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH LOCALS AND TOURISTS ALIKE
17:04:54 17 THAT LOVE GREYHOUND RACING. THE LOCALS HAVE SPENT
17:04:56 18 GENERATIONS AT FLORIDA RACING TRACKS FOR OVER A QUARTER
17:05:02 19 OF A CENTURY. TOURISTS BRAG ABOUT THE DIVERSITY
17:05:04 20 FLORIDA, THAT THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AND THERE
17:05:08 21 ARE PEOPLE THAT LOVE GREYHOUND RACING.

17:05:10 22 IN 2006 THE BIGGEST GREYHOUND EVENT IN THE
17:05:12 23 WORLD WAS HELD IN ST. PETERSBURG AFTER YEARS OF PLANNING
17:05:16 24 WHERE MANY TRYING TO ATTEND WERE TURNED AWAY AS THE
17:05:20 25 TRACK WAS FILLED TO CAPACITY FOR THE MILLION DOLLAR

17:05:24 1 RACE. I ASK YOU TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION 67 FOR TWO
17:05:30 2 REASONS: NUMBER 1, I DO BELIEVE THAT IT BELONGS ON THE
17:05:36 3 CONSTITUTION. ALSO, THE MASSACHUSETTS GROUP WHEN THEY
17:05:40 4 SUBMITTED THE LIST OF INJURIES THERE TO THEM IN
17:05:46 5 MASSACHUSETTS, THERE WAS A LOT OF FLAWS IN IT. AND NOW
17:05:50 6 WE HAVE THE REPORTING HERE IN THE STATE AND I AM
17:05:54 7 WONDERING WHAT FACTS ARE BEING CHECKED BECAUSE IT'S MY
17:05:58 8 UNDERSTANDING THAT MY PET GREYHOUND THAT I KEPT IN THE
17:06:00 9 KENNEL IS ON THE LIST OF GREYHOUNDS THEY SAID DIED
17:06:04 10 RACING. HE WAS TEN YEARS OLD. WE DON'T RACE GREYHOUNDS
17:06:08 11 AT TEN YEARS OLD. THANK YOU.

17:06:10 12 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. SIR.

17:06:14 13 THANK YOU, MY NAME IS DANIEL OGDEN AND
17:06:18 14 BEFORE I START SPEAKING I WOULD JUST LIKE TO APOLOGIZE
17:06:20 15 IF I STUTTER ON A COUPLE WORDS. I HAVE A BIT OF A
17:06:22 16 NERVOUS TIC. I WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS FOR GOING AROUND
17:06:26 17 THE STATE AND HEARING EVERYONE'S OPINIONS FROM ALL WALKS
17:06:28 18 OF LIFE. I THINK IT'S WHAT MAKES THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM
17:06:30 19 WORK AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK
17:06:34 20 ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF PROPOSAL 22 AND HOW I DON'T
17:06:38 21 WANT TO BRING UP STATISTICS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED OR
17:06:42 22 OTHER PREGNANT TEENAGERS AS EXAMPLES TO PUSH MY OWN
17:06:46 23 AGENDA.

17:06:48 24 I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE
17:06:50 25 INTERPRETATION OF LAW AND HOW THE LAW WAS ORIGINALLY

17:06:54 1 USED AND CREATED TO SEPARATE CIVILIANS FROM THE
17:06:58 2 GOVERNMENT, TO NOT GIVE OUT FINANCIAL OR MEDICAL
17:07:02 3 INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT IF THEY DON'T WANT TO AND
17:07:06 4 HOW THIS HAS BEEN CONSTRUED THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM TO
17:07:06 5 DEFEND EDGY REBELLIOUS PREGNANT TEENAGERS TO DEFEND
17:07:06 6 THEMSELVES FROM THEIR PARENTS AND OPINIONS AND CHOICES
17:07:18 7 THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY WANT TO HEAR. AND WHETHER
17:07:20 8 OR NOT YOU ARE PRO-CHOICE OR PRO-LIFE AND WHETHER OR NOT
17:07:22 9 YOU BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WHO HOLD MY OPINION ARE A STRONG
17:07:26 10 EXTREMIST MINORITY, I TRULY BELIEVE YOU SHOULD LET THIS
17:07:26 11 BE ON THE BALLOT BECAUSE IF WE TRULY ARE A STRONG
17:07:38 12 EXTREMIST MINORITY -- NOT STRONG, BUT WEAK EXTREMIST
17:07:38 13 MINORITY, THEN IT WON'T GET PASSED. BUT JUST PUT IT ON
17:07:40 14 THE BALLOT SO THAT EVERYONE CAN HAVE THEIR OPINION HEARD
17:07:42 15 AND THEN IT CAN BE PASSED OR NOT PASSED. THANK YOU.

17:07:46 16 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

17:07:48 17 MR. CLARK: MY NAME IS JUSTIN CLARK. I'M
17:07:48 18 HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT BOTH DEFINITIONS OF FORCED LABOR.
17:07:52 19 FIRST OF ALL, MOST OF THE ARGUMENTS PRESENTED IN FAVOR
17:07:54 20 OF PROPOSAL 22 HAVE A SIMILAR FLAW. MANY OF THEM ARE
17:07:56 21 REITERATING THAT THEY DON'T BELIEVE MINORS SHOULD BE
17:08:00 22 ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR THEMSELVES BECAUSE THEY
17:08:00 23 CANNOT MAKE DECISIONS FOR THEMSELVES IN OTHER AREAS.
17:08:02 24 THE PROBLEM WITH THIS ARGUMENT IS THAT WE'RE NOT TALKING
17:08:04 25 ABOUT DECIDING BETWEEN AN ABORTION AND DOING NOTHING.

17:08:08 1 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ABORTION AND PREGNANCY. PREGNANCY
17:08:10 2 AND EVERYTHING THAT COMES AFTER VERY CLEARLY CHANGES A
17:08:12 3 GIRL'S LIFE MORE THAN ABORTION DOES, SO ARGUMENTS BASED
17:08:12 4 ON THE IDEA THAT ABORTION IS A BIG DECISION ARE
17:08:20 5 ILLOGICAL. ABORTION IS SAFER THAN PREGNANCY BY THE WAY.
17:08:20 6 FLORIDA ALREADY HAS A LAW THAT PARENTS HAVE TO BE
17:08:22 7 NOTIFIED 48 HOURS BEFORE AN ABORTION, SO THAT WOULDN'T
17:08:26 8 MAKE ANY SENSE EITHER. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THIS WOULD
17:08:28 9 OPEN THE DOOR FOR MORE RESTRICTIONS ON ABORTION IF
17:08:30 10 PRIVACY WAS NOT PROTECTED.

17:08:30 11 HERE ARE SOME OF THE FACTS AND VALUES THAT A
17:08:34 12 MAJORITY OF US ALREADY KNOW AND SHARE. THE NUMBER ONE
17:08:36 13 CAUSE OF PREVENTING LIVES FROM ENTERING THE WORLD IS
17:08:40 14 ABSTINENCE. HOWEVER, NOW THAT WOMEN ARE NO LONGER
17:08:42 15 PROPERTY WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ACT OF FORCING WOMEN TO
17:08:44 16 HAVE CHILDREN IS INAPPROPRIATE BOTH BECAUSE IT'S
17:08:46 17 CONSIDERED ABUSIVE TO HAVE CHILDREN IF WE CAN'T TAKE
17:08:48 18 CARE OF THEM AND IT'S WRONG TO FORCE A WOMAN TO GO
17:08:50 19 THROUGH PREGNANCY AND RAISE A CHILD. TO BRING THE
17:08:54 20 INTERESTS OF RELIGIOUSLY-MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS OVER THE
17:08:54 21 INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY CONTROL IS WILDLY INAPPROPRIATE.
17:08:56 22 THIS PROPOSAL ALSO OPENS THE DOOR FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.

17:08:58 23 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF
17:09:00 24 PROPOSAL 67. ANIMALS HAVE INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS. ANYONE
17:09:04 25 WITH A DOG CAN TELL YOU THAT. THINK FOR A MOMENT WHY IT

17:09:08 1 IS WRONG TO HAVE SEX WITH CHILDREN OR BREED AND KEEP
17:09:10 2 CHILDREN IN CAGES AND RAISE THEM FOR FOOD AND TO FORCE
17:09:10 3 LABOR ON THE CHILDREN THAT OFTEN GETS THEM INJURED AND
17:09:14 4 KILLED. MANY OF THOSE REASONS YOU MAY HAVE COME UP WITH
17:09:16 5 ARE ALSO TRUE FOR ANIMALS THAT CAN'T CONSENT TO THINGS
17:09:22 6 THAT ARE OBVIOUSLY ABUSIVE. UNFORTUNATELY, ONLY FORCED
17:09:24 7 GREYHOUND LABOR IS UP FOR DISCUSSION TODAY. IF
17:09:24 8 GREYHOUNDS AREN'T ENSLAVED, THEN WHAT ARE THEY, FREE?

17:09:28 9 HUMANS AND ANIMALS HAVE EQUIVALENT INTEREST
17:09:28 10 IN NOT BEING ABUSED AND KILLED. ASK NOT WHAT DEGREE OF
17:09:30 11 THEIR INTELLIGENCE IS, BUT RATHER CAN THEY SUFFER. THE
17:09:30 12 BELIEF THAT IT'S APPROPRIATE TO DISREGARD THE SUFFERING
17:09:36 13 OF OTHERS BASED ON MORALLY IRRELEVANT DIFFERENCES IS A
17:09:36 14 POISON TO US MOVING FORWARD. PEOPLE CANNOT JUST DECIDE
17:09:40 15 THAT ANIMALS CAN CONSENT TO DANGEROUS AND INTENSE
17:09:44 16 PHYSICAL LABOR FOR HUMAN PROFIT. THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO
17:09:46 17 DO THAT. I AM ALSO AGAINST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BEING
17:09:50 18 SHOT TO DEATH. THANK YOU.

17:09:50 19 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU, SIR.

17:09:54 20 MR. CARREN: HI. MY NAME IS MICHAEL CARREN.
17:09:56 21 I'M A GREYHOUND TRAINER AT NAPLES FORT MYERS AND A
17:10:00 22 FORMER KENNEL OWNER FROM MASSACHUSETTS WHO WAS PUT OUT
17:10:02 23 OF BUSINESS DUE TO A BALLOT QUESTION SIMILAR TO THIS TO
17:10:06 24 BAN GREYHOUND RACING. THE DEVASTATION IT CAUSED ME AND
17:10:12 25 MY FAMILY TO UPROOT AND MOVE TO ANOTHER STATE, LOSE MY

17:10:14 1 BUSINESS, MY HEALTHCARE DUE TO A LOT OF LIES THAT WERE
17:10:18 2 PROJECTED BY A CERTAIN ORIGINAL ORGANIZATION. THEY
17:10:22 3 BANNED THE WAGERING OF GREYHOUND RACING, NOT GREYHOUND
17:10:26 4 RACING ITSELF. WHAT THEY ALSO DID WAS MAKE A BACK ROOM
17:10:30 5 DEAL TO ALLOW THIS TRACK THAT I WORKED AT TO STAY OPEN
17:10:34 6 BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T ALLOWED TO STAY OPEN IF THERE WAS
17:10:38 7 NO RACING. TO SIMULCAST THE VERY SAME GREYHOUNDS THAT
17:10:40 8 THESE PEOPLE WANTED TO SAVE SUPPOSEDLY, SO THEY STAYED
17:10:44 9 OPEN AND SIMULCAST THE DOGS THAT WERE SENT DOWN TO
17:10:46 10 FLORIDA TO RUN, BUT THAT WAS OKAY. AND OUT OF 750 DOGS
17:10:54 11 AT RAYNHAM, 160 WERE LEFT OVER AND WERE ADOPTED OUT BY
17:10:58 12 OUR GROUP, NOT THEIR GROUP.

17:11:00 13 IT'S A DEVASTATING SITUATION WHEN YOU HAVE
17:11:04 14 GOT TO MOVE. NOW WE'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH IT AGAIN.
17:11:06 15 I'M GOING TO LOSE MY HOME AGAIN, HAVE TO MOVE MY FAMILY
17:11:10 16 AGAIN. I AM 61 YEARS OLD. WHERE AM I GOING TO GO?
17:11:14 17 DON'T BELIEVE THE LIES. LET THEM RUN AND LET US WORK.
17:11:14 18 THANK YOU.

17:11:20 19 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. EDWARD
17:11:20 20 TROW, DAWN WITHERSPOON, ZACK GULLO, JOCELYN WURSTER,
17:11:28 21 DEBBIE DANNO. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

17:11:34 22 MS. WITHERSPOON: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU
17:11:34 23 SO MUCH FOR BEING HERE AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE
17:11:36 24 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS DAWN WITHERSPOON AND
17:11:42 25 I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MY HUSBAND PAUL VISHOF

17:11:44 1 (PHONETIC). PAUL VISHOF WAS MY HUSBAND AND MY DAUGHTER
17:11:46 2 ALLISON'S FATHER. HE WAS AN 18-YEAR VETERAN PARAMEDIC.
17:11:50 3 HIM AND HIS PARTNER GREGORY GARCIA WERE KILLED ON JUNE
17:11:54 4 1ST 2017 IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHEN THEY WERE JUST SIMPLY
17:11:56 5 ENDING -- BRINGING A PATIENT TO THE HOSPITAL AND GOING
17:12:00 6 BACK TO THEIR STATION TO TAKE A BREAK FOR THE NIGHT AT
17:12:04 7 THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING. MY HUSBAND WAS AN 18-YEAR
17:12:08 8 VETERAN PARAMEDIC, A CRITICAL CARE PARAMEDIC, AND HE
17:12:10 9 WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR ANYONE. WHEN THERE WAS FEMA THAT
17:12:16 10 NEEDED HELP HE WAS THE ONE THAT WOULD HELP THEM. WHEN
17:12:20 11 HE WAS DEPLOYED ALL OVER AND HE WOULD ALWAYS BE THERE TO
17:12:24 12 HELP PEOPLE OUT. HIS PARTNER WAS A 25-YEAR VETERAN.
17:12:28 13 THESE TWO MEN LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE AN ILLEGAL ALIEN
17:12:32 14 KILLED THEM.

17:12:34 15 I AM HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE
17:12:38 16 CONSIDER E-VERIFY BECAUSE I BELIEVE IF WE STOP GIVING
17:12:40 17 JOBS TO PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE ILLEGALLY WE WILL SAVE OUR
17:12:44 18 CITIZENS' LIVES. I GUESS MY HUSBAND WOULD DO ANYTHING
17:12:48 19 FOR ANYBODY. HE WOULD SAVE LIVES. I'M NOT AGAINST
17:12:50 20 IMMIGRATION IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM, BUT I AM AGAINST
17:12:54 21 ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. I FEEL THAT IF PEOPLE COME HERE
17:12:56 22 ILLEGALLY AND THEY DO NOT ABIDE BY THE SAME LAWS, THE
17:13:00 23 LAWS OF OUR COUNTRY -- THE GENTLEMAN THAT KILLED HIM DID
17:13:04 24 HAVE A JOB. HE WAS SELF-EMPLOYED. HE WAS WORKING UNDER
17:13:06 25 THE TABLE. HE ALSO WAS ALLOWED TO REGISTER A CAR

17:13:08 1 WITHOUT A DRIVER'S LICENSE IN OUR STATE OF FLORIDA.

17:13:12 2 AGAIN, THIS MIGHT JUST BE A SMALL WAY IN

17:13:14 3 WHICH WE CAN CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE TO ALLOW ILLEGAL

17:13:20 4 IMMIGRANTS TO COME HERE AND GIVE THEM A REASON TO COME

17:13:22 5 HERE ILLEGALLY. PLEASE VOTE FOR E-VERIFY AND MAKE SURE

17:13:26 6 EVERYONE WORKING IN OUR STATE IS A LEGAL RESIDENT IN OUR

17:13:32 7 STATE. PLEASE, I IMPORE YOU TO THINK ABOUT HOW YOU

17:13:34 8 WOULD FEEL IF YOU GOT A PHONE CALL OR -- ACTUALLY I SAW

17:13:38 9 IT ON FACEBOOK THAT MY HUSBAND DIED -- SO HOW YOU WOULD

17:13:38 10 FEEL AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING? THANK YOU.

17:13:42 11 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: MA'AM, THANK YOU.

17:13:50 12 MR. TROW: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS

17:13:50 13 EDWARD TROW. I AM HERE IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSAL NUMBER

17:13:56 14 67. I'VE WORKED WITH GREYHOUNDS FOR 44 YEARS.

17:14:00 15 GREYHOUNDS ARE THE MOST PROTECTED BREED IN THE COUNTRY.

17:14:04 16 THEY LIVE IN A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT. THEY HAVE 24-HOUR

17:14:06 17 SECURITY. THERE'S A VET ON THE PREMISES SEVEN DAYS A

17:14:08 18 WEEK. THEY ARE INSPECTED BY THE FLORIDA STATE EMPLOYEES

17:14:12 19 DAILY. AND I HAVE WORKED IN THIS INDUSTRY FOR 43 YEARS

17:14:16 20 AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN -- HAVE NEVER WITNESSED THE

17:14:16 21 ATROCITIES THAT HAVE BEEN TOLD BY ANIMAL RIGHTS

17:14:26 22 ACTIVISTS. THIS INDUSTRY SUPPLIES MANY MUCH NEEDED JOBS

17:14:30 23 IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

17:14:32 24 IF THIS PROPOSAL IS TO PASS IT WILL GREATLY

17:14:34 25 AFFECT ME, MY FAMILY, MY MANY FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY

17:14:38 1 IN WHICH I LIVE IN. IN MY OPINION, THIS DOES NOT BELONG
17:14:42 2 IN OUR CONSTITUTION. ONCE AGAIN, I AM OPPOSED TO
17:14:46 3 PROPOSAL 67. THANK YOU.

17:14:50 4 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

17:14:52 5 MS. DANNO: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
17:14:54 6 DEBBIE DANNO. I AM REQUESTING THAT YOU PLEASE VOTE YES
17:14:58 7 ON PROPOSAL 67 TO SHUT DOWN DOG RACING IN FLORIDA AND
17:15:02 8 ESTABLISH AN ADOPTION PLAN FOR APPROXIMATELY 8,000 DOGS.
17:15:04 9 I'M NOT AN ADVOCATE. I AM A PERSON, A HUMAN BEING WHO
17:15:10 10 HAS ADOPTED GREYHOUNDS AND I KNOW FROM FIRSTHAND. I
17:15:14 11 BEGAN ADVOCATING FOR THE END OF DOG RACING WHEN I SAW
17:15:18 12 THIS STORY IN 2002 OF THE MASS GRAVE OF OVER 2,000 DOGS
17:15:22 13 THAT HAD DIED AND WERE BURIED FROM FLORIDA AND ALABAMA
17:15:26 14 THAT WAS UNCOVERED. SINCE THEN, SEVERAL STORIES OVER
17:15:28 15 THE YEARS INCLUDING ONE FROM WASHINGTON POST SHOWING
17:15:32 16 THAT FLORIDA DOGS DO TEST POSITIVE FOR COCAINE HAS BEEN
17:15:36 17 WRITTEN. THIS CONTINUES TO SHOW FLORIDA IN A TERRIBLE
17:15:38 18 LIGHT TO THE COUNTRY AND TO THE WORLD AT LARGE. MANY
17:15:40 19 PEOPLE HAVE STORIES OF DOGS. I TOO HAVE HAD FIRSTHAND
17:15:44 20 KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS THAT THESE POOR
17:15:44 21 ANIMALS ARE TRAPPED IN.

17:15:48 22 THIS IS MY BELLA MIA (RAISING PHOTO). SHE
17:15:50 23 WAS THE LOVE OF MY LIFE. SHE WAS SAVED FROM A PUPPY
17:15:54 24 MILL IN LAKE LAND IN 2000 WHEN OVER 30 DOGS WERE SEIZED
17:15:58 25 FROM LIVING IN ATROCIOUS CONDITIONS. SHE WAS CONFINED

17:16:00 1 TO A CAGE INSIDE OF A TRACTOR-TRAILER. SHE NEVER
17:16:06 2 TOUCHED GRASS. SHE NEVER SAW THE LIGHT OF DAY. DUE TO
17:16:10 3 HER CONFINEMENT, BELLA LOST HER EYESIGHT WHEN HER
17:16:10 4 CORNEAS WERE BURNT BECAUSE SHE WAS KEPT IN HER OWN
17:16:20 5 EXCREMENT. SHE HAD MANGE AND SHE WAS SEVERELY
17:16:24 6 MALNOURISHED WHEN SHE WAS RESCUED. BELLA HAD HER FIRST
17:16:26 7 LITTER AT TEN MONTHS.

17:16:28 8 I AM ASKING YOU NOW, NO, I AM BEGGING YOU TO
17:16:32 9 PLEASE SAVE THE DOGS AND SAY YES ON PROPOSAL 67. THERE
17:16:34 10 IS A TIME FOR EVERY INDUSTRY TO END. MAJOR INDUSTRIES
17:16:40 11 IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE A LIFECYCLE. GREYHOUND RACING HAS
17:16:44 12 HAD IT'S LIFECYCLE, AND I APOLOGIZE THAT YOU MAY LOSE
17:16:48 13 YOUR INDUSTRY AND YOUR LIFECYCLE BUT THE TIME HAS COME
17:16:52 14 NOW FOR US TO END THIS ATROCITY FOR THE DOGS. THANK
17:16:52 15 YOU.

17:16:54 16 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU, MA'AM.

17:16:58 17 MA'AM, ONE MOMENT, PLEASE. THE FOLLOWING
17:17:00 18 FIVE SPEAKERS: DEBBIE ARNOLD, MARY ANDREWS, HARRY CHIN,
17:17:12 19 KURT TRZECIAK, GERALD BARRY. YES, MA'AM.

17:17:14 20 MS. WURSTER: HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK
17:17:18 21 YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS JOCELYN
17:17:20 22 WORCESTER. I'M A LICENSED NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR.
17:17:26 23 I'VE BEEN IN THE LONG-TERM CARE FIELD FOR OVER 20 YEARS
17:17:28 24 AND I AM CURRENTLY WORKING AT WINKLER COURT WHICH HAS
17:17:30 25 SERVED THE FORT MYERS COMMUNITY FOR OVER 40 YEARS.

17:17:34 1 WE'RE A NOT-FOR-PROFIT FIVE-STAR FACILITY.

17:17:36 2 PROPOSAL 88 CLAIMS TO BE ABOUT RESIDENT
17:17:40 3 RIGHTS, BUT IT IS REALLY ABOUT WEAKENING THE RESOURCES
17:17:42 4 THAT CAREGIVERS NEED TO CONTINUE PROVIDING NURSING HOME
17:17:46 5 RESIDENTS WITH THE HIGHEST QUALITY CARE.

17:17:48 6 IN 1976 THE LEGISLATURE ENACTED A BILL OF
17:17:54 7 RIGHTS STATUTE WHICH GUARANTEES RESIDENTS' RIGHTS, SO
17:17:54 8 THIS IS NOT ABOUT RESIDENTS' RIGHTS. IT'S ABOUT MINIMUM
17:17:58 9 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS, SUING PASSIVE INVESTORS AND
17:18:02 10 THOSE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE CARE OF THE
17:18:02 11 RESIDENTS AND ABOUT HOLDING AN ENTIRE INDUSTRY
17:18:06 12 ACCOUNTABLE FOR A FEW NONPERFORMING FACILITIES.

17:18:10 13 SUPPORTERS WILL TELL YOU THE AMENDMENT WILL
17:18:12 14 EXPAND THE RIGHTS OF NURSING CENTER RESIDENTS, BUT ALL
17:18:14 15 IT WILL REALLY DO IS EXPOSE THE CENTERS TO MORE
17:18:18 16 UNWARRANTED LAWSUITS. THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON RESIDENT
17:18:20 17 CARE.

17:18:22 18 ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS WE CARE FOR EVERY
17:18:24 19 DAY PLEASE VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 88 AND HELP SUPPORT
17:18:28 20 QUALITY CARE IN OUR NURSING HOMES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
17:18:30 21 TIME.

17:18:30 22 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

17:18:34 23 MR. BERRY: GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JERRY BARRY
17:18:36 24 AND I'M AN ATTORNEY IN NAPLES, FLORIDA, AND I AM ALSO
17:18:38 25 THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE INNOCENCE PROJECT OF FLORIDA. I

17:18:44 1 AM HERE TO SPEAK ON THEIR BEHALF AND AGAINST CR PROPOSAL
17:18:48 2 96. WE'RE NOT AGAINST VICTIM'S RIGHTS. I DON'T THINK
17:18:54 3 ANYONE WOULD BE AGAINST VICTIM'S RIGHTS. THE ISSUE IS
17:18:56 4 WE HAVE A STATUTE THAT ALREADY GIVES VICTIMS TREMENDOUS
17:19:00 5 RIGHTS AND DO WE NEED FOR THIS TO BE PART OF THE
17:19:04 6 CONSTITUTION.

17:19:06 7 IN 1987, A YOUNG MAN, 16-YEAR-OLD MAN, DEAN
17:19:10 8 MCKEY, WAS ARRESTED FOR A HOMICIDE IN TAMPA, A HOMICIDE
17:19:16 9 HE DIDN'T COMMIT. HE WENT TO TRIAL, HE LOST, AND HE WAS
17:19:22 10 SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON. JUST TWO MONTHS AGO, IN
17:19:28 11 JANUARY, THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE INCENTIVES PROJECT
17:19:30 12 THROUGH DNA TESTING WE WERE ABLE TO PROVE, TO ESTABLISH
17:19:34 13 THAT HE WAS INNOCENT. THIRTY YEARS AT THE AGE OF 46 THE
17:19:40 14 16-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS FINALLY RELEASED FROM PRISON. IF CR
17:19:48 15 96 HAD BEEN IN PLACE AT THE TIME WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
17:19:50 16 ABLE TO GET THE DNA IF THE VICTIMS OBJECTED TO IT AND HE
17:19:54 17 WOULD STILL BE IN PRISON.

17:19:56 18 THE INNOCENCE PROJECT HAS BEEN ABLE TO
17:20:00 19 RELEASE 17 OTHER MEN. IF CR96 HAD BEEN IN PLACE, SOME,
17:20:06 20 PERHAPS ALL OF THEM, WOULD NOT BEEN RELEASED AS WELL.
17:20:08 21 IT IS PROPOSAL 4 AND 5 COMMISSIONER CERIO THAT SAYS --
17:20:12 22 THAT TALKS ABOUT AND GIVES THE VICTIMS RIGHTS FOR THAT.
17:20:14 23 THIS IS A PROPOSAL WE DON'T NEED. IT'S A PROBLEM THAT
17:20:20 24 DOESN'T NEED A SOLUTION. THERE'S NO PROBLEM. I WOULD
17:20:22 25 ASK FOR YOU TO OBJECT TO CR96 AND LEAVE THE STATUTES THE

17:20:26 1 WAY WE HAVE THEM. THANK YOU.

17:20:28 2 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

17:20:34 3 MR. CHIN: HI. MY NAME IS HENRY CHIN. I'M

17:20:40 4 FROM WEST PALM BEACH. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO VOTE

17:20:40 5 NO ON 67. WE HEARD A LOT OF HORROR STORIES FROM SOME OF

17:20:48 6 THE OTHER ANIMAL ACTIVISTS, BUT I NEVER HEAR ANYBODY SAY

17:20:52 7 THEY REPORTED THEM TO AUTHORITIES OR NOTHING. I HEARD A

17:20:54 8 VETERINARY DESCRIBE INJURIES AND HORRIFIC SORES ON DOGS

17:21:00 9 AND ALL THAT. HERE'S A VETERINARIAN, WHY DON'T SHE

17:21:02 10 REPORT THEM TO THE AUTHORITIES AND HAVE THEM ARRESTED

17:21:08 11 WHOEVER DID THIS TO THE DOGS? IMAGINE A DOCTOR AND YOU

17:21:10 12 BROUGHT A CHILD IN WITH BRUISES AND ALL THAT. IT'S THAT

17:21:16 13 DOCTOR'S PREROGATIVE TO CALL THE AUTHORITIES TO REPORT

17:21:18 14 THAT. SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THESE PEOPLE DESCRIBE

17:21:22 15 THESE HORRIFIC THINGS GOING ON, YET THEY DON'T REPORT IT

17:21:26 16 TO ANYBODY?

17:21:26 17 SO PLEASE LISTEN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE

17:21:34 18 TRYING TO DO. THEY ARE JUST TRYING TO PUT ME OUT OF

17:21:36 19 BUSINESS, YOU KNOW. I USED TO LIVE IN MASSACHUSETTS. I

17:21:40 20 LOST MY TWO BUSINESSES, MOVED DOWN HERE. MY FAMILY, WE

17:21:42 21 BOUGHT A HOUSE A COUPLE YEARS AGO. NOW IF I LOSE THIS

17:21:46 22 JOB WE HAVE TO MOVE AGAIN? WE REALLY CAN'T AFFORD TO DO

17:21:52 23 THAT.

17:21:52 24 FINALLY, AS YOU COMMISSIONERS, I DON'T KNOW

17:21:56 25 HOW MANY RACETRACKS ARE IN YOUR DISTRICT OR YOUR COUNTY,

17:22:00 1 BUT PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME TO VISIT YOUR LOCAL
17:22:04 2 RACETRACKS. VISIT THE KENNELS, SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT
17:22:06 3 FOR YOURSELF. SEE WITH YOUR OWN TWO EYES, PLEASE. IF
17:22:10 4 THIS IS GOING TO BE ON THE CONSTITUTION I WOULD HOPE YOU
17:22:14 5 GUYS WOULD SEE WHAT IT'S PRETTY MUCH ALL ABOUT. HOW DO
17:22:18 6 YOU PUT SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT IF YOU DON'T SEE WITH
17:22:20 7 YOUR OWN EYES WHAT IS GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES? YOU
17:22:24 8 CAN JUST BELIEVE THESE PEOPLE OR YOU CAN SEE FOR
17:22:28 9 YOURSELF. ALSO PLEASE VOTE YES ON 97. THANK YOU.

17:22:34 10 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU.

17:22:38 11 MR. TRZECIAK: HELLO. MY NAME IS KURT
17:22:38 12 TRZECIAK. I'M A REGISTERED VOTER IN PALM BEACH COUNTY.
17:22:44 13 I AM PROUD TO BE A RACING GREYHOUND TRAINER FOR OVER 25
17:22:46 14 YEARS. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO OPPOSE PROPOSAL 67. I
17:22:50 15 ATTENDED TWO PREVIOUS COMMISSION HEARINGS AND WATCHED
17:22:52 16 WHAT I COULD OF THE OTHERS ONLINE. TIME AND AGAIN I
17:22:56 17 HAVE LISTENED TO THE SAME ACCUSATIONS OF OUT-OF-STATE
17:23:02 18 ACTIVIST GROUPS AND THEIR BRAINWASHED FOLLOWERS WHO USE
17:23:02 19 HALF TRUTHS AND OUTRIGHT LIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SWAY YOUR
17:23:06 20 OPINION.

17:23:06 21 I WAS APPALLED AND DISGUSTED WHEN I ATTENDED
17:23:08 22 THE MELBOURNE HEARING AND LISTENED TO ONE OF THEIR
17:23:12 23 FOLLOWERS SAY THAT GREYHOUND RACING WAS INDIRECTLY
17:23:16 24 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MASS SHOOTING AT A FLORIDA SCHOOL.
17:23:18 25 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS REMEMBER THAT. IT WAS

17:23:20 1 DISGUSTING TO EVEN HEAR SOMEONE SUGGEST THAT. WHEN I
17:23:22 2 SPOKE AT THE PREVIOUS HEARINGS I SHOWED YOU JUST SOME OF
17:23:26 3 THE LIES THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE PEDALING IN THE TWO
17:23:28 4 MINUTES I WAS GIVEN.

17:23:28 5 I AM NOT HERE TO ASK YOU TO BELIEVE ME.
17:23:32 6 LIKE THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER, HENRY CHIN, I WANT YOU GUYS
17:23:34 7 TO DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH. OR IF YOU ARE TOO BUSY, FIND
17:23:38 8 SOMEONE YOU KNOW AND TRUST TO GO OUT THERE AND VISIT,
17:23:40 9 VIDEOTAPE, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO DO. WE HAVE HAD PEOPLE
17:23:44 10 THAT HAVE COME FROM THE OUTSIDE AND DONE IT, BUT I'M NOT
17:23:46 11 ASKING YOU TO BELIEVE ME. SEND SOMEONE OUT THERE TO DO
17:23:50 12 IT. WE HAVE DEDICATED OUR LIVES TO THE HEALTH,
17:23:52 13 HAPPINESS AND WELLBEING OF THESE AMAZING K-9 ATHLETES.
17:23:56 14 I TAKE PRIDE IN THE CARE I GIVE TO THESE DOGS. I DON'T
17:24:00 15 WANT TO BE HERE. I WANT TO BE BACK AT MY KENNEL WITH MY
17:24:02 16 DOGS BECAUSE GREYHOUNDS DON'T LIE LIKE PEOPLE DO. THEY
17:24:06 17 JUST WANT TO GO OUT AND DO THEIR FAVORITE THING, WHICH
17:24:10 18 IS RACE. I AM SICK OF ALL THE LIES, AND I GUARANTEE YOU
17:24:14 19 WILL BE TOO IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO GO SEE THE TRUTH.
17:24:18 20 VOTE NO ON 67.

17:24:20 21 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU. ERIC
17:24:30 22 APPELGREW, BIERLE DAVIS, MICHAEL HOPKINS, COLBY WISE AND
17:24:30 23 KATHY MAY. THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

17:24:38 24 MR. APPELGREW: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
17:24:40 25 DR. ERIC APPELGREW AND I AM A BOARD CERTIFIED

17:24:42 1 ANESTHESIOLOGIST AND A HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE. I HAVE A
17:24:44 2 MASTERS DEGREE IN BUSINESS IN HEALTHCARE AND I SERVED
17:24:48 3 FIVE YEARS AS A FLIGHT SURGEON IN THE UNITED STATES AIR
17:24:52 4 FORCE. CURRENTLY I AM THE EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR
17:24:54 5 HEALTHPARK MEDICAL CENTER IN LEE COUNTY JUST ACROSS THE
17:24:56 6 RIVER. I HAVE COMMITTED MY LIFE TO CARING FOR THE SICK,
17:25:00 7 THE VULNERABLE AND THE POOR AND I WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP
17:25:06 8 IN ASKING FOR YOU TO OPPOSE THE DEREGULATION OF
17:25:08 9 HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN FLORIDA. THAT'S PROPOSITION
17:25:14 10 54. I AM CURRENTLY REPRESENTING MY HEALTH SYSTEM IN LEE
17:25:14 11 HEALTH.

17:25:18 12 LEE HEALTH HAS BEEN A COMMUNITY MEMBER FOR
17:25:20 13 THE LAST 100, YEARS SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE THE
17:25:26 14 EARLY 1900S. IT'S THE LARGEST PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM IN
17:25:30 15 THE UNITED STATES THAT DOES NOT RECEIVE A SINGLE
17:25:32 16 TAXPAYER DOLLAR. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE TREAT TWO
17:25:36 17 MILLION MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY ANNUALLY AND SUPPLY
17:25:40 18 OVER 410 MILLION DOLLARS OF FREE AND UNCOMPENSATED CARE
17:25:42 19 TO THE COMMUNITY. THE CURRENT CON STATUTE ENSURES THAT
17:25:48 20 HOSPITAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERY PATIENT IN THE
17:25:52 21 COMMUNITY IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY OR THEIR
17:25:54 22 ECONOMIC, SOCIO OR RACIAL BACKGROUND. THE PEOPLE
17:26:00 23 SUPPORTING REPEAL OF CON ARGUE THAT IT WILL IMPROVE
17:26:04 24 COMPETITION SINCE SUPPLY AND DEMAND ECONOMIC MODELS ARE
17:26:04 25 WELL ACCEPTED. UNFORTUNATELY, THE HIGHLY REGULATED

17:26:12 1 ECONOMIC FEE-FOR-SERVICE MODEL DOES NOT ACCOUNT FOR THIS
17:26:14 2 BECAUSE THE CONSUMER IS THE ONE WHO RECEIVES THE
17:26:16 3 PRODUCT. THE PHYSICIAN'S THE ONE WHO ORDERS IT AND
17:26:20 4 ANOTHER PARTY, A THIRD PARTY PAYS FOR THE SERVICE. SO
17:26:22 5 THE NORMAL ECONOMIC SUPPLY AND DEMAND FUTURE DOES NOT
17:26:26 6 APPLY. BY TAKING AWAY THIS OPTION IT ENSURES THAT THE
17:26:30 7 COMMUNITY WILL BE OUT OF THAT 400 MILLION DOLLARS OF
17:26:34 8 COMMUNITY BENEFIT AND THAT GOES TO FUND THINGS LIKE
17:26:36 9 TRAUMA CARE, PEDIATRIC DIALYSIS, PEDIATRIC BURNS, LABOR
17:26:40 10 AND DELIVERY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

17:26:42 11 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU.

17:26:44 12 MS. MAYO: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KATHY
17:26:48 13 MAYO. AMONG OTHER THINGS, I AM A RETIRED LIBRARIAN, A
17:26:52 14 FIFTH-GENERATION FLORIDIAN AND I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN
17:26:56 15 HEARINGS FOR THE LAST TWO CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
17:27:00 16 COMMISSIONS. THIS IS HIGH ON MY LIST. I WOULD LIKE TO
17:27:04 17 URGE YOU NOT TO MAKE ANY CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES TO OUR
17:27:08 18 PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM. FLORIDA HAS FAILED TO
17:27:12 19 ADEQUATELY FUND OUR SCHOOLS AND WE DON'T NEED TO SIPHON
17:27:16 20 OFF MORE MONEY TO SUPPORT PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.

17:27:20 21 ALSO KEEP CHARTER SCHOOLS UNDER THE CONTROL
17:27:24 22 OF LOCAL DISTRICTS. AS LONG AS THE STATE FUNDS CHARTER
17:27:28 23 SCHOOLS THEY SHOULD BE CLOSELY OBSERVED BY THEIR LOCAL
17:27:30 24 DISTRICT. AFTER ALL, THOSE KIDS ARE GOING TO COME IN
17:27:34 25 AND OUT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS. KEEP THE INFORMATION AND THE

17:27:38 1 CONTROL LOCAL.

17:27:40 2 I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO REJECT
17:27:46 3 PROPOSITION 97 WHICH WOULD MAKE IT HARDER FOR CITIZENS
17:27:48 4 TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION. WE HAVE ALREADY DONE THAT.
17:27:52 5 NOW WE REQUIRE 60 PERCENT OF THE VOTE TO AMEND THE
17:27:56 6 CONSTITUTION. LET'S NOT MAKE IT EVEN HARDER.

17:28:00 7 THANK YOU FOR REJECTING PROPOSITION 22 IN
17:28:08 8 COMMITTEE. OUR PRIVACY PROVISION IS A VITAL PROTECTION
17:28:12 9 FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS. IT PROTECTS FLORIDA FROM
17:28:16 10 GOVERNMENT OVERREACH, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IMPACTS A
17:28:18 11 WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CONTROL HER OWN BODY AND MAKE THE
17:28:22 12 HEALTHCARE DECISIONS SHE AND HER FAMILY NEED TO MAKE.
17:28:26 13 DON'T ENCOURAGE PERSONAL RELIGIOUS BELIEFS TO OVERRIDE
17:28:32 14 FLORIDIANS' PRIVACY RIGHTS. WE HAVE WATCHED THE
17:28:36 15 LEGISLATURE VOTE YEAR AFTER YEAR TO LIMIT ACCESS TO
17:28:40 16 ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTION. WE NEED SOME PROTECTION
17:28:46 17 FROM THE LEGISLATURE. KEEP THE PRIVACY ACT. THANK YOU.

17:28:50 18 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU.

17:28:52 19 MR. HOPKINS: COMMISSIONERS, GOOD AFTERNOON.
17:28:52 20 MY NAME IS MIKE HOPKINS. I AM A SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
17:28:56 21 RESIDENT AND A NAPLES-BASED ATTORNEY. I'M SPEAKING IN
17:29:00 22 OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL 96. LET ME BE CLEAR. IN REGARDS
17:29:06 23 TO PROPOSAL 96, 85 PERCENT OF THE PROPOSAL I HAVE NO
17:29:10 24 OPPOSITION TO. THERE ARE TWO PROVISIONS THAT CAUSE ME
17:29:14 25 GRAVE CONCERN. PROPOSAL 96 I BELIEVE HARMS FLORIDIANS.

17:29:20 1 I AM OPPOSED TO ANY PROPOSAL, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY 15
17:29:24 2 PERCENT OF A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD LIMIT DUE PROCESS
17:29:28 3 RIGHTS FOR FLORIDIANS.

17:29:30 4 THIS ASSESSMENT, SO YOU UNDERSTAND MY
17:29:32 5 TESTIMONY, IS BASED ON EXPERIENCE IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
17:29:36 6 AS A FLORIDA PROSECUTOR. IT IS ALSO BASED ON EXPERIENCE
17:29:40 7 AS A PRIVATE ATTORNEY. MY ENTIRE LEGAL CAREER HAS BEEN
17:29:44 8 IN THE FLORIDA CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. IN MAKING THIS
17:29:48 9 ASSESSMENT, I WANT TO POINT OUT -- AND NOTE THAT THE --
17:29:52 10 ANY TESTIMONY YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM VICTIMS ON BEHALF
17:29:56 11 OF PROPOSAL 96 IT'S VERY COMPELLING AND THERE'S NO ONE,
17:30:00 12 I WANT TO BE CLEAR, THAT COULD BE AGAINST VICTIM'S
17:30:02 13 RIGHTS, BUT THIS SPECIFIC PROPOSAL HARMS FLORIDIANS.

17:30:06 14 NOW, IN REGARDS TO THIS I HAVE ALSO HAD THE
17:30:10 15 BENEFIT OF LISTENING TO THE TESTIMONY OF THE PUBLIC
17:30:12 16 HEARING THAT YOU HAD IN TALLAHASSEE, SO I HAD THE
17:30:14 17 BENEFIT OF THAT IN MAKING MY ASSESSMENT AS WELL. MY
17:30:18 18 OPINION IS BASED ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. MY CONCERNS
17:30:22 19 WITH PROPOSAL 96 IS THAT LIMITING THE ABILITY TO REFUSE
17:30:30 20 A DEPOSITION OR A DISCOVERY REQUEST WOULD HARM
17:30:34 21 FLORIDIANS. FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS A PROSECUTOR
17:30:38 22 AND AS A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, I HAVE SEEN WHERE DISCOVERY
17:30:42 23 REQUESTS AS WELL AS DEPOSITIONS ESTABLISHED ACTUAL
17:30:46 24 INNOCENCE, NOT GUILT, BUT ACTUAL INNOCENCE. THANK YOU
17:30:50 25 FOR YOUR TIME.

17:30:52 1 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: THANK YOU.

17:30:58 2 MR. WISE: HELLO COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS
17:31:00 3 COLBY WISE. I LIVE IN BRADENTON, FLORIDA. I WANT TO
17:31:02 4 THANK YOU FOR MY OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
17:31:06 5 REVIVING PUBLIC PROPOSAL 700,000 AND ALSO PLACING
17:31:10 6 CANNABIS MARIJUANA RIGHTS ON THE BALLOT. NO OTHER
17:31:14 7 PUBLIC PROPOSAL BEFORE YOUR CONSIDERATION CAN OR WILL DO
17:31:16 8 AS MUCH TO PROTECT AND DEFEND HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY AS
17:31:22 9 PUBLIC PROPOSAL 700,000 WILL. NO OTHER PROPOSAL WILL DO
17:31:26 10 AS MUCH TO BENEFIT THE LIVES OF EVERYDAY FLORIDIANS AS
17:31:30 11 PUBLIC PROPOSAL 700,000 WILL. THE GOOD THIS PROPOSAL
17:31:34 12 WILL DO TO OUR STATE BELONGS PROTECTED BY OUR
17:31:38 13 CONSTITUTION. ONLY OUR CONSTITUTION CAN PROTECT
17:31:42 14 FLORIDIANS FROM FEDERAL THREATS AND ABUSE CONCERNING
17:31:44 15 CANNABIS PROHIBITION. PLEASE REVIVE PUBLIC PROPOSAL
17:31:46 16 700,000 AND VOTE TO PLACE CANNABIS RIGHTS FOR ADULTS ON
17:31:52 17 OUR BALLOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17:31:52 18 CHAIRPERSON KEISER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
17:31:54 19 COMMISSIONERS, WE WILL NOW TAKE A TEN-MINUTE BREAK.

17:31:58 20 (WHEREUPON, A BRIEF RECESS WAS TAKEN.)

17:31:58 21 CHAIRPERSON DONALDS: COMMISSIONER CARLTON
18:00:20 22 WILL NOW TAKE THE CHAIR.

18:00:20 23 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU, CHAIR
18:01:56 24 DONALDS. WELCOME BACK. AND I WILL PROCEED ALONG THE
18:02:00 25 SAME LINES AS WE HAVE DONE ALL DAY AND CALL FOUR OR FIVE

18:02:04 1 NAMES AND HAVE YOU COME FORWARD AND SO THAT WE CAN
18:02:06 2 LISTEN TO YOUR TESTIMONY. JEANNE JAIN, KIMMY LEGER,
18:02:18 3 JOSHUA UNGER, MICHAEL BOLING, DELORES ORLANDO AND
18:02:30 4 REBECCA DEWINTER.

18:02:30 5 THANK YOU, AND YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

18:02:38 6 MS. JAIN: JEANNE JANE. GOOD AFTERNOON AND
18:02:40 7 THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I AM HERE IN
18:02:46 8 SUPPORT OF THE WELFARE OF GREYHOUNDS. I'M NOT FOR ANY
18:02:48 9 ORGANIZATION FOR OR AGAINST DOG RACING. IT DOESN'T
18:02:48 10 MATTER IF RACING GREYHOUND OWNERS CLAIM TO LOVE AND CARE
18:02:54 11 FOR THEIR DOGS. WHAT MATTERS IS THE DOGS ARE KEPT IN A
18:02:56 12 CAGE THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME AND TO ME THAT IS NOT
18:03:00 13 ACCEPTABLE. HOW CAN YOU SAY YOU LOVE YOUR DOGS AND KEEP
18:03:04 14 THEM ISOLATED IN A CAGE ONLY LETTING HIM OUT SEVERAL
18:03:08 15 TIMES A DAY TO RELIEVE HIMSELF OR GET SOME EXERCISE?
18:03:10 16 EVEN THE CAGES IN AN ANIMAL SHELTER ALLOW ACCESS TO THE
18:03:12 17 OUTDOORS AND THEY ARE ONLY MEANT TO HOUSE DOGS
18:03:16 18 TEMPORARILY, NOT FOR HOUSING DOGS FOR YEARS AS IS THE
18:03:20 19 CASE OF THE GREYHOUND.

18:03:20 20 DOGS SHOULD ONLY RUN FOR FUN. PRO-RACING
18:03:24 21 ADVOCATES WILL SAY GREYHOUNDS DO RUN FOR FUN. NO,
18:03:30 22 GREYHOUNDS RUN FOR MONEY. ALL DOGS LOVE TO RUN. THEY
18:03:34 23 DON'T NEED THE RACETRACK. THEY CAN DO IT AT A DOG PARK.

18:03:34 24 IT HAS BEEN SAID THE GREYHOUND WILL BECOME
18:03:40 25 EXTINCT IF RACING WAS OUTLAWED. THAT IS LUDICROUS.

18:03:44 1 PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO BREED GREYHOUNDS. COMMON SENSE
18:03:48 2 SHOULD DICTATE HERE. BREEDERS TAKE NOTE AND STOP OVER
18:03:50 3 BREEDING GREYHOUNDS NOW. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE PEDIGREE
18:03:54 4 DOGS INCLUDING GREYHOUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION FROM
18:03:56 5 RESCUE GROUPS OR SHELTERS. APPROXIMATELY 670,000 DOGS
18:04:00 6 ARE KILLED IN ANIMAL SHELTERS EVERY YEAR IN THE UNITED
18:04:00 7 STATES.

18:04:04 8 I HAVE ALSO HEARD ABSURD COMMENTS THAT
18:04:08 9 SUGGEST IF RACING WERE STOPPED, THOUSANDS OF GREYHOUNDS
18:04:12 10 WOULD BE KILLED. PROPOSAL 67 STATES THE AMENDMENT WILL
18:04:16 11 NOT TAKE AFFECT UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST OF 2019. THERE WILL
18:04:20 12 BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR RESCUE GROUPS AND INTERESTED
18:04:22 13 PARTIES TO RE-HOME THE DOGS. FLORIDA NEEDS TO JOIN THE
18:04:22 14 40 OTHER STATES THAT HAVE OUTLAWED COMMERCIAL DOG
18:04:22 15 RACING.

18:04:30 16 I AM ALSO IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL 91. I AM
18:04:34 17 ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO DRILLING FOR OIL OR NATURAL GAS IN
18:04:36 18 THE COASTAL WATERS OFF FLORIDA. FOLLOW THE MONEY.
18:04:40 19 PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING, LET THE VOTERS DECIDE ON
18:04:42 20 PROPOSALS 67 AND 91. THANK YOU.

18:04:44 21 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:04:46 22 MR. UNGER: HELLO COMMITTEE MEMBERS. MY
18:04:48 23 NAME IS JOSH UNGER. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION OF
18:04:52 24 PROPOSAL 65. I HAVE OWNED A VAPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY
18:04:56 25 BASED IN SARASOTA, FLORIDA. OUR PRODUCTS ARE SOLD IN

18:04:58 1 ALMOST 400 STORES AND HAVE HELPED COUNTLESS PEOPLE TO
18:05:00 2 STOP SMOKING. WE HAVE TEN EMPLOYEES IN SEVERAL OF THESE
18:05:02 3 PROPERTIES IN THE AREA. ON A PERSONAL LEVEL I HAVE BEEN
18:05:06 4 VAPING -- I HAVE SEEN VAPING HELP FAMILIES QUIT SMOKING.
18:05:06 5 THESE PRODUCTS REPRESENT THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO END
18:05:10 6 SMOKING-RELATED DEATHS IN OUR LIFETIME. SINCE VAPING
18:05:14 7 WAS INTRODUCED IN EARLY 2007, WE HAVE SEEN SMOKING
18:05:16 8 LEVELS DROP FROM ALMOST 30 PERCENT TO A CURRENT LEVEL IN
18:05:18 9 THE LOW TO MID-TEENS.

18:05:22 10 I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT IF YOU HAVEN'T
18:05:24 11 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH THE AWARD-WINNING
18:05:24 12 EYE-OPENING DOCUMENTARY, A BILLION LIVES, PLEASE DO SO.
18:05:26 13 I WAS PERSONALLY SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT A BILLION LIVES
18:05:28 14 WOULD BE LOST THIS CENTURY BECAUSE OF SMOKING-RELATED
18:05:32 15 DEATHS.

18:05:34 16 I'D ALSO LIKE TO REBUT SOME MISCONCEPTIONS
18:05:36 17 PRESENTED HERE TODAY ABOUT VAPING PRODUCTS. THE ROYAL
18:05:38 18 COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS HAS CONCLUDED THAT VAPOR PRODUCTS
18:05:42 19 ARE THE FIRST GAME-CHANGING TECHNOLOGY IN THE ONGOING
18:05:42 20 FIGHT TO COMBAT COMBUSTIBLE CIGARETTE SMOKING. IN AN
18:05:46 21 APRIL 2016 STUDY, THE RCP CONCLUDED THAT VAPOR PRODUCTS
18:05:50 22 ARE AT LEAST 95 PERCENT LESS HARMFUL THAN COMBUSTIBLE
18:05:50 23 CIGARETTES. MS. ZELNER, THE DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER OF
18:05:56 24 TOBACCO PRODUCTS OF THE FDA STATED THAT IF A CURRENT
18:05:56 25 SMOKER OTHERWISE UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO QUIT COMPLETELY

18:05:56 1 SUBSTITUTED ALL OF THE COMBUSTIBLE CIGARETTES THAT THEY
18:05:56 2 SMOKED WITH AN ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE AT THE INDIVIDUAL
18:06:06 3 LEVEL, THAT PERSON WOULD PROBABLY BE SIGNIFICANTLY
18:06:08 4 REDUCING THEIR RISK.

18:06:10 5 I. BERNSTEIN'S STUDY, PEERING THROUGH THE
18:06:12 6 MIDST, IS A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF WHAT THE CHEMISTRY OF
18:06:16 7 CONTAMINANTS IN ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES TELLS US ABOUT
18:06:16 8 HEALTH RISKS. DONE IN 2014, IT STATES THAT "THERE'S NO
18:06:18 9 EVIDENCE THAT VAPING PRODUCES INHALABLE EXPOSURE TO
18:06:24 10 CONTAMINANTS OF THE AEROSOLS THAT WOULD WARRANT HEALTH
18:06:24 11 CONCERNS BY THE STANDARD USE TO ENSURE SAFETY IN THE
18:06:28 12 WORKPLACE. EXPOSURE TO BYSTANDERS ARE LIKELY TO BE
18:06:34 13 ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE LESS AND THUS POSE NO APPARENT
18:06:34 14 CONCERN." I AM REQUESTING THAT YOU OPPOSE PROPOSAL 65.
18:06:40 15 VAPING IS NOT SMOKING. I'D LIKE TO LEAVE YOU WITH A
18:06:40 16 COPY OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS STUDY ON VAPING
18:06:42 17 AND A COPY OF THE DOCUMENTARY A BILLION LIVES. FINALLY,
18:06:44 18 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

18:06:48 19 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. YOU CAN
18:06:48 20 COME UP. OUR NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18:07:00 21 MS. ORLANDO: GOOD AFTERNOON CRC COMMITTEE
18:07:02 22 MEMBERS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. MY NAME IS
18:07:04 23 DELORES ORLANDO. I AM NOT A SMOKER, I'M NOT A VAPER. I
18:07:08 24 AM AN ADVOCATE OF THIS PRODUCT AND A BUSINESS OWNER.
18:07:10 25 FOR FIVE YEARS I HAVE WORKED ON THE FRONT LINES GETTING

18:07:14 1 PEOPLE OFF OF COMBUSTIBLE CIGARETTES, AND MOST STORIES
18:07:18 2 START WITH, "I HAVE TRIED EVERYTHING, THE PATCH,
18:07:20 3 PRESCRIPTION, HYPNOSIS, COLD TURKEY, EVERYTHING, BUT
18:07:24 4 VAPOR PRODUCTS HAVE SAVED MY LIFE." I ASK FOR YOUR
18:07:26 5 OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL 65.

18:07:30 6 THE ARGUMENT IS SECONDHAND VAPOR HAS ADVERSE
18:07:34 7 HEALTH EFFECTS, VAPOR PRODUCTS CONTAIN TOXINS AND THERE
18:07:38 8 IS NOT ENOUGH RESEARCH. LET ME GIVE YOU SOME
18:07:40 9 INFORMATION. YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE RCP REPORT IN YOUR
18:07:44 10 HANDS. AND THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY JUST RELEASED
18:07:48 11 LAST WEEK THAT, "SWITCHING TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF
18:07:52 12 E-CIGARETTES IS A PREFERABLE METHOD TO THOSE CONTAINING
18:07:56 13 COMBUSTIBLE SMOKE PRODUCTS." AND THAT COMES FROM THE
18:07:58 14 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. ALSO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF
18:08:02 15 SCIENCE JUST CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL
18:08:06 16 EVIDENCE THAT EXCEPT FOR NICOTINE, EXPOSURE TO ANY
18:08:10 17 POTENTIAL TOXIC SUBSTANCES FROM E-CIGARETTES UNDER
18:08:16 18 NORMAL USE AND CONDITION IS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER COMPARED
18:08:18 19 WITH CONVENTIONAL CIGARETTES. THERE IS ALSO CONCLUSIVE
18:08:20 20 EVIDENCE THAT COMPLETELY SUBSTITUTING E-CIGARETTES FOR
18:08:24 21 CONVENTIONAL CIGARETTES REDUCES USERS' EXPOSURES TO MANY
18:08:28 22 TOXINS AND CARCINOGENS PRESENT WITHIN THE CONVENTIONAL
18:08:32 23 E-CIGARETTE WORLD. THE RESEARCH IS THERE.

18:08:34 24 BUSINESSES SHOULD HAVE THE FREEDOM TO DECIDE
18:08:38 25 IF VAPING IS ALLOWED IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS. JUST AS

18:08:42 1 YOU CAN SEE, "NO SMOKING" SIGNS, "NO VAPING" SIGNS WOULD
18:08:44 2 BE ACCEPTABLE, JUST NOT GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION.

18:08:48 3 BY THE END OF THIS CENTURY, ONE BILLION
18:08:50 4 LIVES WILL BE LOST TO SMOKING-RELATED ILLNESSES. ONE
18:08:54 5 BILLION LIVES. VAPING PRODUCTS SAVES LIVES. DON'T BE A
18:08:58 6 PART OF THE PROBLEM, BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION. JOIN ME
18:09:00 7 ON MY QUEST TO HELP SAVE A BILLION LIVES THIS CENTURY.
18:09:06 8 PROP 65 SHOULD BE IN OPPOSITION. SMOKING IS THE ENEMY,
18:09:12 9 VAPING IS NOT. THANK YOU.

18:09:12 10 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. KIMMY
18:09:26 11 LEGER, MICHAEL BOLING, REBECCA DEWINTER. DID I CALL
18:09:26 12 YOUR NAME?

18:09:34 13 MR. BOLING: MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, THANK
18:09:34 14 YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR LISTENING EARS. I AM MICHAEL
18:09:38 15 BOLING, A RESIDENT OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA. I AM A
18:09:40 16 DISABLED VETERAN WHO SERVED THIS COUNTRY FOR NINE YEARS
18:09:44 17 IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. WHILE IN THE CORPS I
18:09:50 18 PICKED UP THE HABIT OF SMOKING COMBUSTIBLE CIGARETTES.
18:09:50 19 AFTER BEING HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE UNITED STATES
18:09:54 20 MARINE CORPS, I HAD TRIED EVERY METHOD POSSIBLE TO KICK
18:09:56 21 THE HABIT OF COMBUSTIBLE CIGARETTES. EXAMPLES:
18:09:58 22 PHARMACEUTICALS, CHANTIX, WELLBUTRIN, ACUPUNCTURE, LASER
18:10:04 23 THERAPY, THE PATCH, GUM. I EVEN TRIED BEING HYPNOTIZED.
18:10:12 24 ON JANUARY 5, 2015, I QUIT COMBUSTIBLE CIGARETTES WITH
18:10:16 25 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES. I HAVE NOT USED COMBUSTIBLE

18:10:18 1 CIGARETTES EVER AGAIN. MY WAY OF LIFE HAS CHANGED DUE
18:10:22 2 TO THIS TECHNOLOGY.

18:10:24 3 REPLACEMENT OF CIGARETTES BY E-CIGARETTE USE
18:10:28 4 OVER A TEN-YEAR PERIOD YIELD 6.6 MILLION FEWER PREMATURE
18:10:34 5 DEATHS WITH 86.7 MILLION FEWER LIVES EACH YEAR LOST IN
18:10:38 6 THE OPPOSITE SCENARIO. UNDER THE OPTIMISTIC SCENARIO,
18:10:40 7 1.6 PREMATURE DEATHS ARE AVERTED WITH 20.8 MILLION FEWER
18:10:46 8 LIVES PER YEAR LOST. THE LARGEST GAINS ARE AMONG
18:10:48 9 YOUNGER COHORTS WITH A 25 GAIN IN AVERAGE LIFE
18:10:54 10 EXPECTANCY PROJECTION THE AGE 15 YEARS COHORT IN 2016.

18:11:00 11 E-CIGARETTES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT
18:11:04 12 ADULT SMOKERS WHO ARE NOT PREGNANT IF USED AS A COMPLETE
18:11:10 13 SUBSTITUTE FOR REGULAR CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO
18:11:12 14 PRODUCTS, A QUOTE FROM THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL.
18:11:16 15 PLEASE VOTE NO FOR PROPOSAL 65. THANK YOU.

18:11:20 16 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. I'M GOING
18:11:22 17 TO CALL A FEW OTHER NAMES. KIMMY LEGER, LAUREN
18:11:36 18 HARKINS -- IF YOU WILL COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR
18:11:36 19 NAME -- STEVE FLEMING, LAURIE BURKE, JESSICA SANCHEZ,
18:11:48 20 CHRIS GRIEB, SCOTT WOLF, NICHOLAS OTZKO. SORRY, YOU CAN
18:12:00 21 CORRECT ME ON THAT. GO AHEAD.

18:12:00 22 MS. DEWINTER: I AM NOT AN OUT-OF-TOWN
18:12:06 23 RADICAL. I AM A LIFELONG FLORIDA RESIDENT AND I AM HERE
18:12:10 24 IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL 67. COMMERCIAL GREYHOUND RACING IS
18:12:16 25 NOW ILLEGAL IN 40 STATES. 12 OF THE 18 RACETRACKS LEFT

18:12:20 1 ARE IN FLORIDA. ITS PROFITABILITY HAS DRAMATICALLY
18:12:26 2 DECLINED. THE AMOUNT SEEN ON RACES HAS DECLINED BY 74
18:12:30 3 PERCENT AND THE TAX REVENUE FROM DOG RACING HAS DROPPED
18:12:34 4 BY 98 PERCENT. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 8,000 GREYHOUNDS
18:12:38 5 LIVING RIGHT NOW FOR RACING IN CONFINEMENT IN FLORIDA IN
18:12:46 6 BARELY ADEQUATE CAGES FOR 20 TO 23 HOURS PER DAY WITH NO
18:12:48 7 INTERACTION, LITTLE OR NO INTERACTION AND SOLITUDE.
18:12:54 8 FLORIDA BEGAN TRACKING GREYHOUND DEATHS IN 2013.

18:12:58 9 SINCE THEN 438 HAVE DIED. THERE HAVE BEEN
18:13:02 10 WITHIN THE PAST DECADE EIGHT SERIOUS CASES OF GREYHOUND
18:13:08 11 NEGLECT INCLUDING STARVING GREYHOUNDS AND MEDICAL CARE
18:13:12 12 BEING WITHHELD. WE ARE ONLY ONE OF TWO STATES THAT DOES
18:13:16 13 NOT PUBLICLY REPORT GREYHOUND INJURIES. SEMINOLE
18:13:20 14 COUNTY, HOWEVER, BEGAN TRACKING THE INJURIES IN MAY OF
18:13:22 15 2017. SINCE THEN, 40 HAVE BEEN REPORTED INCLUDING 32
18:13:26 16 THAT SUFFERED BROKEN BONES AND TWO THAT DIED. OVER THE
18:13:30 17 PAST DECADE, 419 GREYHOUNDS DRUG POSITIVE HAVE SHOWN UP,
18:13:36 18 68 COCAINE POSITIVE, NOVOCAINE, LIDOCAINE INDUSTRIAL
18:13:42 19 SOLVENT DMSO AND OPIATES INCLUDING OXYCODONE AND
18:13:46 20 OXYMORPHONE. FEMALES ARE GIVEN ANABOLIC STEROIDS TO
18:13:52 21 ENSURE NO LOSS OF RACING DAYS.

18:13:54 22 A FLORIDA STATE RACING MANDATE FORCES
18:13:58 23 RACETRACKS TO OFFER LIVE RACING AS A LOSS LEADER FOR
18:14:02 24 MORE VIABLE FORMS OF BETTING SUCH AS PROFITABLE CARDS --

18:14:06 25 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU FOR YOUR

18:14:08 1 COMMENTS. SIR, GO AHEAD.

18:14:10 2 MR. FLEMING: THANK YOU. MY NAME IS STEVE

18:14:12 3 FLEMING. I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF MARSY'S LAW AND I'M

18:14:16 4 ASKING THE COMMISSION TO PLEASE VOTE YES ON PROPOSAL 96.

18:14:20 5 WHAT BROUGHT ME HERE WAS I WAS INVOLVED IN A DRUNK

18:14:22 6 DRIVING ACCIDENT FIVE YEARS AGO AND BECAUSE THAT PERSON

18:14:28 7 CHOSE TO COMMIT A FELONY I LOST ALL MY RIGHTS. SHE LOST

18:14:32 8 NONE OF HER RIGHTS. IT CHANGED MY LIFE FOREVER. MY

18:14:38 9 FAMILY -- I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR FIVE AND A HALF

18:14:40 10 MONTHS, TEN SURGERIES, 2.2 MILLION DOLLARS IN MEDICAL

18:14:42 11 BILLS. SHE HAD NO INSURANCE, NO LICENSE, AND WE FOUND

18:14:46 12 THIS ALL OUT OURSELVES.

18:14:48 13 WE COULDN'T GET ANYTHING FROM THE ATTORNEYS,

18:14:50 14 THE COURT SYSTEM. WE HAD TO FIND OUT OURSELVES THROUGH

18:14:52 15 SOCIAL MEDIA. OUR FIRST COURT HEARING I DIDN'T EVEN

18:14:56 16 KNOW THAT WAS HAPPENING AND I WAS TOLD ABOUT THAT

18:14:58 17 THROUGH MADD, MOTHER'S AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING. THEY GAVE

18:14:58 18 ME MORE INFORMATION THAN ANYBODY.

18:15:04 19 THE FIRST HEARING I WENT TO I WAS IN A

18:15:06 20 WHEELCHAIR. I WAS TOLD I MIGHT NOT EVER WALK AGAIN. I

18:15:10 21 DIED ON THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL AND I HAD NO RIGHTS.

18:15:12 22 SHE HAD ALL THESE RIGHTS, AND MAYBE I'M OLD SCHOOL BUT I

18:15:16 23 FEEL LIKE IF SOMEBODY CHOOSES TO COMMIT A FELONY THEN

18:15:20 24 THEY SHOULD LOSE SOME OF THEIR RIGHTS. I SHOULDN'T LOSE

18:15:26 25 ANY OF MY RIGHTS. I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG. I WAS

18:15:28 1 JUST DRIVING DOWN THE HIGHWAY. I DID NOTHING WRONG AND
18:15:30 2 IT CHANGED MY LIFE FOREVER.

18:15:32 3 THE FIRST MEETING WITH THE PROSECUTING
18:15:34 4 ATTORNEY THEY WOULDN'T TELL US WHAT HER BLOOD ALCOHOL
18:15:36 5 LEVEL WAS, WOULDN'T TELL US IF SHE HAD A JOB. THEY
18:15:40 6 WOULDN'T TELL US IF SHE HAD PRIORS. THEY WOULDN'T TELL
18:15:42 7 ME ANYTHING. AND, YOU KNOW, I SAID -- THE PROSECUTING
18:15:46 8 ATTORNEY SAID, "WELL, WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?"

18:15:48 9 I SAID, "I'M LOOKING FOR THE MAX, WHATEVER
18:15:50 10 THE MAX IS. SHE HAS CHANGED MY LIFE FOREVER AND MY
18:15:54 11 FAMILY'S LIFE. I'M LOOKING FOR THE MAX."

18:15:54 12 HE SAID, "WELL, THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN."

18:15:56 13 "WHY NOT?"

18:15:58 14 "BECAUSE IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

18:16:00 15 THEY ARE NOT GOING TO PUT HER IN JAIL. AS FAR AS WE
18:16:04 16 KNOW, IT'S HER FIRST OFFENSE."

18:16:04 17 I SAID, "NO, THAT'S BS. IT'S NOT HER FIRST
18:16:08 18 OFFENSE BECAUSE WE FOUND OUT THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA SHE
18:16:10 19 HAD THREE ALIASES."

18:16:14 20 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:16:16 21 MR. WOLF: MADAM CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. GOOD
18:16:20 22 EVENING AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY NAME IS DR.
18:16:20 23 SCOTT WOLF AND I HAVE THE HONOR OF SERVING AS A
18:16:22 24 PHYSICIAN EXECUTIVE AT LEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AS PART OF
18:16:24 25 LEE HEALTH. AS A DEDICATED PHYSICIAN SERVING THOSE IN

18:16:30 1 THE MOST DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHEAST,
18:16:32 2 MOST RECENTLY SERVING AS PRESIDENT AND CEO IN
18:16:34 3 SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, I AM HERE TO APPEAL FOR YOUR
18:16:38 4 HELP ON PROPOSAL 54. I HAVE BEEN VERY PROUD TO SERVE IN
18:16:42 5 THESE ORGANIZATIONS WHO SERVE ACCORDING TO THEIR MISSION
18:16:44 6 CARING FOR THOSE REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PAY. I
18:16:46 7 AM VERY PROUD TO SAY AS PART OF LEE HEALTH WE SERVE IN
18:16:50 8 THE SAME TENANTS OF THAT MISSION.

18:16:52 9 IT'S BEEN STATED EARLIER BUT IS WORTH
18:16:52 10 REPEATING, WE PROVIDE OVER 400 MILLION DOLLARS OF
18:16:54 11 UNCOMPENSATED CARE AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY BENEFIT AND
18:16:58 12 COMMITMENT TO OUR PATIENTS IN THE AREA OF SOUTHWESTERN
18:17:00 13 FLORIDA. REPEALING THE CON WOULD UNDERMINE OUR ABILITY
18:17:06 14 TO SERVE THAT MISSION. ELIMINATION OF THE CERTIFICATE
18:17:10 15 OF NEED WOULD CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE OUR FINANCIAL
18:17:12 16 VIABILITY WOULD BE THREATENED. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE A
18:17:16 17 COMMITTEE OF PHYSICIANS AND PROVIDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY
18:17:18 18 THAT HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES AS I HAVE TO SERVING
18:17:24 19 THOSE MOST IN NEED. ALLOWING OTHER PROVIDERS TO COME
18:17:24 20 INTO OUR COMMUNITIES WOULD THREATEN THEIR LONG-TERM
18:17:28 21 VIABILITY AS WELL.

18:17:30 22 OVER THE YEARS THE FLORIDA CON HAS REALLY
18:17:34 23 FOCUSED ON THE COMPLEX INPATIENT SERVICES. THIS HAS
18:17:38 24 CREATED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AND ALLOWED FOR EXPANSIONS
18:17:42 25 OF SERVICES TO BE BASED ON POLITICAL NEED RATHER THAN

18:17:44 1 FINANCIAL INTEREST. THE SANCTITY OF THE RELATIONSHIP
18:17:48 2 BETWEEN THE PHYSICIAN AND PROVIDER IS CONSTANTLY UNDER
18:17:50 3 THREAT. REMOVING THE CON WOULD CONTINUE TO THREATEN
18:17:54 4 THAT.

18:17:56 5 AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE MISSION OF LEE
18:17:58 6 HEALTH IS TO SERVE OUR PATIENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY, TO BE
18:18:02 7 LONG-TERM AND LIFELONG PARTNERS IN OUR JOURNEY OF
18:18:04 8 HEALTH. WE ASK THAT YOU HELP US CONTINUE THAT
18:18:08 9 COMMITMENT AND ALLOW US TO SERVE OUR PATIENTS AND OUR
18:18:10 10 COMMUNITY IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA. THANK YOU.

18:18:12 11 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

18:18:14 12 MS. SANCHEZ: HELLO. I AM JESSICA SANCHEZ
18:18:16 13 FOR MARSY'S LAW, PROPOSAL 96. I HEARD EARLIER TODAY
18:18:20 14 THAT MANY OF THESE RIGHTS ARE IN THE STATUTE AND I'M
18:18:22 15 HERE TO TODAY AS A VICTIM ADVOCATE FOR MOTHERS AGAINST
18:18:24 16 DRUNK DRIVING. THESE RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED ON A
18:18:28 17 DAILY BASIS. IF THE STATUTE WAS UPHELD AND EVERYONE WAS
18:18:30 18 HELD ACCOUNTABLE, WE WOULDN'T BE ASKING SO STRONGLY TO
18:18:34 19 PASS MARSY'S LAW. I SEE DAY IN AND DAY OUT THE RIGHTS
18:18:36 20 OF THE OFFENDER UPHELD IN COURT; HOWEVER, THE RIGHTS OF
18:18:40 21 VICTIMS ARE CONSTANTLY VIOLATED AND ARE NOT EQUAL BY ANY
18:18:40 22 MEANS.

18:18:42 23 WITH MARSY'S LAW THE OFFENDERS WILL NEVER
18:18:44 24 LOSE THEIR RIGHTS, NOTHING PROHIBITS THE TAKING OF THEIR
18:18:46 25 DNA EVIDENCE OR ANY OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS. MARSY'S LAW

18:18:50 1 WILL SIMPLY CREATE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR THE VICTIMS. JUST
18:18:52 2 LAST MONTH ALONE I SERVED AND WORKED WITH THREE VICTIMS
18:18:54 3 WHOSE LOVED ONES DIED DUE TO AN OFFENDER WHO WAS CHARGED
18:18:58 4 WITH A DUI MANSLAUGHTER. DURING THE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS
18:19:00 5 ON EACH OF THESE CASES THEY WERE NEVER TOLD OF THE
18:19:04 6 OFFENDER'S PLEA DEALS. THREE TIMES DID I HAVE TO SEE
18:19:08 7 HOW POWERLESS THESE FAMILIES WERE. NOT ONLY DID THEY
18:19:08 8 LOSE THEIR LOVED ONES -- THEIR SISTER, THEIR MOTHER,
18:19:12 9 THEIR FRIENDS -- THEIR RIGHTS WERE UNETHICALLY TAKEN
18:19:14 10 FROM THEM. ON BEHALF OF OUR VICTIMS AND THE FAMILIES WE
18:19:16 11 SERVE, PLEASE PASS MARSY'S LAW.

18:19:20 12 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. AND WHAT
18:19:20 13 IS YOUR NAME?

18:19:22 14 MR. OTZKO: NICHOLAS OTZKO.

18:19:26 15 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: HOLD ON ONE SECOND.
18:19:26 16 LET ME CALL SOME MORE NAMES BEFORE YOU START. CHRIS
18:19:30 17 GRIEB, LORI BURKE, JARRET CHIZICK, CRYSTAL CARROLL, JILL
18:19:40 18 FREIS, RACHEL KEESLING AND NATALIE KLEIN. COME FORWARD
18:19:42 19 PLEASE. GO AHEAD.

18:19:44 20 MR. OTZKO: MY NAME IS NICHOLAS OTZKO. I'M
18:19:46 21 A 16-YEAR-OLD STUDENT IN FORT MYERS. I AM HERE TODAY TO
18:19:50 22 ASK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF PROPOSAL 22 THAT IS
18:19:52 23 CONCERNING THE PRIVACY OF CITIZENS IN THE SAFEKEEPING OF
18:19:56 24 THEIR INFORMATION. THIS PROPOSAL IS BEING INTERPRETED
18:20:00 25 THAT MINOR GIRLS CAN GET AN ABORTION WITHOUT THEIR

18:20:00 1 PARENTS KNOWING.

18:20:02 2 I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP PREVIOUS POINTS
18:20:04 3 THAT PEOPLE WHO CAME UP HERE AND STATED THAT WOMEN ARE
18:20:06 4 MAKING THESE DECISIONS TO GET ABORTIONS IF THEY WANT TO.
18:20:08 5 BUT WHAT IS A WOMAN CONSIDERED? IS IT CONSIDERED A
18:20:12 6 YOUNG GIRL WHO COULD HAVE GOTTEN PREGNANT WITHOUT HER
18:20:14 7 KNOWING THROUGH -- IN THE WORST CASE SCENARIO WHERE IT
18:20:18 8 WAS POSSIBLY RAPE OR IT WAS A CRIMINAL WHO GOT HER
18:20:20 9 PREGNANT? AND WHAT HAPPENS IS NOW SHE DOESN'T WANT HER
18:20:20 10 PARENTS TO KNOW BECAUSE SHE IS SCARED AND NOW SHE'S NOT
18:20:24 11 GOING TO TELL THEM AND THERE'S A CRIMINAL LOOSE. SO SHE
18:20:26 12 WANTS TO KEEP THAT TO HERSELF BUT HOW CAN THAT PERSON
18:20:30 13 THAT YOUNG MAKE A DECISION THAT THAT'S EFFECTIVE? I
18:20:36 14 KNOW PERSONALLY THAT I WOULD GO TO MY PARENTS IF THERE
18:20:38 15 WAS SOMETHING THAT WAS THAT BIG OF AN ISSUE.

18:20:40 16 I'M ADOPTED AND MY BIRTH MOTHER, SHE -- I
18:20:46 17 WAS BORN THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION WHICH IS A
18:20:50 18 CHOICE, BUT SHE WAS OLD ENOUGH. EVEN THOUGH I'M
18:20:50 19 ADOPTED, SHE BASICALLY PAID TO HAVE A CHILD. AND THEN I
18:20:54 20 WAS ADOPTED OUT OF HER HANDS BASICALLY. BUT THERE ARE
18:20:58 21 PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT WANT KIDS. THEY ARE PAYING
18:21:00 22 BECAUSE MAYBE THEY CAN'T HAVE KIDS, WHICH IS HER
18:21:02 23 SCENARIO. AND MAYBE THERE ARE CHILDREN WHO ARE ABORTING
18:21:06 24 CHILDREN WHO AT ONE POINT THEY ARE GOING TO GROW UP TO
18:21:10 25 BE THAT SAME KID. MAYBE THEY ARE GOING TO BE JUST LIKE

18:21:12 1 THEIR MOTHER OR WHATEVER HAPPENS, BUT HOW CAN THEY AT
18:21:14 2 THAT AGE MAKE A DECISION THAT IS THAT IMPACTFUL?

18:21:18 3 IF YOU ARE THAT YOUNG AND YOU ARE A CHILD,
18:21:20 4 YOU ARE A KID. I KNOW HOW IT HAS DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS,
18:21:24 5 BUT HAVING AN ABORTION ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
18:21:24 6 KILLING THE PROBLEM ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.
18:21:26 7 THAT KID MAY GROW UP TO HAVE A BIGGER -- THAT KID MAY
18:21:32 8 GROW UP TO FIND THE CURE TO CANCER. WE NEVER KNOW, SO
18:21:32 9 HOW CAN THAT KID AT THAT YOUNG AN AGE MAKE A DECISION
18:21:36 10 THAT RADICAL WITHOUT THEIR PARENT'S HELP, BECAUSE WE ALL
18:21:38 11 KNOW THAT AT SOME POINT WE HAVE TO MAKE A HUGE DECISION
18:21:40 12 AND WE NEED OUR PARENTS HELP. SO THAT'S AN EXTREME
18:21:44 13 DECISION THAT I THINK THAT THAT PROPOSAL SHOULD BE
18:21:48 14 RESURRECTED. THANK YOU.

18:21:48 15 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: SIR, GO AHEAD.

18:22:00 16 MR. GRIEB: FOURTEEN YEARS AGO I WAS A HIGH
18:22:02 17 SCHOOL HISTORY TEACHER AND A HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH.
18:22:06 18 THERE'S MY RING TO PROVE IT. I WAS JUST YOUR AVERAGE
18:22:08 19 CITIZEN, BUT ONE DOG CHANGED MY LIFE. I ADOPTED A
18:22:12 20 GREYHOUND NAMED DUTCH CHEDDAR. BEFORE I BROUGHT HER
18:22:14 21 HOME I HAD TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS, AN ONLINE
18:22:16 22 APPLICATION, A PHONE INTERVIEW, A HOME VISIT AND FINALLY
18:22:18 23 MEETING WITH A FEW PROSPECTS THE ADOPTION REPS FELT
18:22:20 24 SUITED MY LIFESTYLE BEST.

18:22:22 25 ALL OF THIS SEEMS BENIGN AND STANDARD;

18:22:24 1 HOWEVER, IT WAS DURING THE HOME VISIT WHERE THE ADOPTION
18:22:28 2 REPS VISITED MY HOME WITH ONE OF THEIR GREYHOUNDS TO
18:22:30 3 GIVE ME A PRACTICAL LOOK AT HOW A DOG THE SIZE OF A
18:22:34 4 GREYHOUND WOULD ACTUALLY FEEL IN MY APARTMENT. THE
18:22:36 5 EXPECTED QUESTIONS ABOUT WORK SCHEDULE, TRAVEL AND
18:22:38 6 OTHERS WERE ASKED THAT QUITE FRANKLY ESCAPE ME AFTER 14
18:22:42 7 YEARS. WHAT HAS STUCK WITH ME FROM THAT VERY DAY WAS
18:22:44 8 THE FACT THAT ONCE THEY FIGURED OUT THAT I WAS GOING TO
18:22:48 9 BE A SUITABLE ADOPTER THEY LEFT FORWARD WITH THEIR
18:22:50 10 INDOCTRINATION USING A LOT OF BLOVIATED HYPERBOLE YOU'VE
18:22:54 11 ALREADY HEARD EARLIER THAT I WON'T GIVE THE CREDENCE OF
18:22:56 12 REPEATING. I HONESTLY HAD TO STOP THEM AND SAY, "LOOK
18:23:00 13 LADIES, I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT. I JUST WANT A
18:23:02 14 DOG. DON'T TRY TO BRING ME INTO YOUR CIRCLE. WITH THAT
18:23:06 15 I THOUGHT I WAS SCREWED.

18:23:08 16 HOWEVER, A WEEK LATER THEY CALLED ME AND
18:23:08 17 ASKED IF I WOULD COME IN AND TAKE A LOOK AT A COUPLE OF
18:23:12 18 DOGS AND ONE OF THEM WAS DUTCH CHEDDAR. I BROUGHT HER
18:23:16 19 HOME THAT DAY AND FROM THAT DAY FORWARD SHE CAME TO BE
18:23:18 20 KNOWN AS SEQUOIA. SINCE ADOPTING HER I HAVE GONE ON TO
18:23:20 21 BECOME A RACING GREYHOUND TRAINER. I'VE WORKED IN THE
18:23:24 22 LARGEST BREEDING AND TRAINING FARM IN THE COUNTRY AND
18:23:26 23 WORKED FOR SOME OF THE FINEST PEOPLE IN THIS BUSINESS
18:23:28 24 AND CAN SAY THAT WITHOUT A SHADOW OF A DOUBT I HAVE
18:23:30 25 BECOME A BETTER PERSON FOR IT. YOU SEE, DOGS DO THAT TO

18:23:32 1 PEOPLE. THEY FORCE YOU TO BECOME WHO YOU ARE. YOU
18:23:34 2 CAN'T GET THINGS BY A DOG. YOU EXPECT THEM TO TRUST
18:23:38 3 YOU; AND, TWO, IT'S THE VERY REASON THAT THE RETIRED
18:23:42 4 RACER AS A PET HAS QUIETLY BECOME A ROCK STAR IN THE
18:23:46 5 ADOPTION WORLD.

18:23:46 6 IT'S BECAUSE OF THE CARE AND HUSBANDRY THAT
18:23:50 7 THEY ARE AFFORDED FROM THE DAY THEY ARE BORN UNTIL THEY
18:23:52 8 ARE PLACED INTO ADOPTION. I'M ALSO ONE TO DEAL WITH
18:23:54 9 FACTS, NOT OPINIONS OR FEELINGS. THOSE FACTS ARE WHAT
18:23:58 10 DROVE ME TO MAKE MY CAREER CHANGE. I BECAME INVOLVED IN
18:24:02 11 GREYHOUND RACING BECAUSE I DID LEARN THE TRUTH.

18:24:02 12 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU, SIR. COULD
18:24:02 13 YOU REMIND ME OF YOUR NAME? I COULDN'T CATCH IT.

18:24:08 14 MR. GRIEB: CHRIS GRIEB, AND I AM IN
18:24:08 15 OPPOSITION OF PROPOSITION NUMBER 67 WITH MY WHOLE HEART.

18:24:14 16 MS. BURKE: HELLO. MY NAME IS LORI BURKE
18:24:14 17 AND I'M WITH MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING HERE TO
18:24:20 18 SUPPORT MARSY'S LAW. I'D LIKE TO THANK COMMISSIONER
18:24:22 19 CERIO FOR ADDING THIS TO THE DOCKET. I WILL TELL YOU I
18:24:26 20 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WERE SOME DEFENSE ATTORNEYS HERE
18:24:28 21 EARLIER IN OPPOSITION OF MARSY'S LAW. I'M HERE TO TELL
18:24:34 22 YOU THAT THEY WERE WRONG. EVERY DAY I AM IN THE
18:24:36 23 COMMUNITY BUILDING AN AWARENESS FOR THE DANGERS OF DRUNK
18:24:40 24 DRIVERS AND SUBSTANCE-IMPAIRED DRIVING AND UNFORTUNATELY
18:24:42 25 EVERY DAY I MEET SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY A

18:24:46 1 DRUNK DRIVER OR SUBSTANCE-IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES.

18:24:50 2 OFTENTIMES VICTIMS ARE LEFT DESTITUTE, EMOTIONALLY,

18:24:54 3 PHYSICALLY AND FINANCIALLY.

18:24:56 4 I REMEMBER MEETING A GRANDMOTHER WHO

18:24:56 5 TEARFULLY TOLD ME THAT HER DAUGHTER WAS KILLED BY A

18:25:00 6 DRUNK DRIVER. HE WAS CONVICTED. HE IS LIVING IN A

18:25:04 7 PLACE WHERE HIS MEALS AND NEEDS ARE MET, WHILE SHE IS

18:25:06 8 LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK TAKING CARE OF HIS GRANDSON

18:25:10 9 WHO WAS JUST A BABY AT THE TIME OF THE DEATH OF HIS

18:25:12 10 MOTHER.

18:25:12 11 MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING OF SOUTHWEST

18:25:16 12 FLORIDA STRONGLY URGES OUR COMMUNITY AND ITS ELECTED

18:25:16 13 OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT MARSY'S LAW. THE AMENDMENT TO OUR

18:25:20 14 STATE'S CONSTITUTION WOULD ENSURE THAT THE RIGHTS OF OUR

18:25:24 15 COMMUNITY'S VICTIMS ARE EQUAL TO THAT OF THE OFFENDERS.

18:25:28 16 LAST YEAR WE PROVIDED MORE THAN 1,400

18:25:30 17 SERVICES TO VICTIMS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND CIRCUIT 20. WE

18:25:34 18 KNOW THAT VICTIMS OF DRUNK, DRUGGED AND

18:25:38 19 SUBSTANCE-IMPAIRED DRIVING CRASHES CONTINUE TO FEEL THE

18:25:40 20 IMPACT LONG AFTER THE CRASH. WE WILL CONTINUOUSLY

18:25:44 21 ADVOCATE FOR OUR VICTIMS AND FOR MARSY'S LAW. THANK

18:25:50 22 YOU.

18:25:50 23 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD,

18:25:50 24 SIR.

18:25:52 25 MR. CHIZICK: THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS FOR

18:25:54 1 YOUR SERVICE. I AM JARRET CHIZICK. I LIVE HERE IN CAPE
18:25:56 2 CORAL. I IMPORE THE COMMISSION TO REVIVE AND PUT ON
18:26:00 3 THE BALLOT PUBLIC PROPOSAL 700,000. BUT WITH THE
18:26:06 4 OVERWHELMING SUPPORT AND PASSAGE OF AMENDMENT 2, ITS
18:26:08 5 IMPLEMENTATION HAS FAILED. THOSE WHO IT WAS TRULY MEANT
18:26:12 6 TO ASSIST -- THOSE WHO ARE DISABLED, THE ELDERLY,
18:26:16 7 INDIVIDUALS ON A FIXED INCOME, SOME OF OUR CHILDREN AND
18:26:20 8 OUR VETERANS -- ARE FORCED INTO A SYSTEM THAT'S
18:26:22 9 BASICALLY A CASH FOR HIGH GRADE HEMP WHICH IS
18:26:26 10 INEFFECTIVE AT BEST AS A MEDICINE FOR THEIR MEDICAL
18:26:28 11 CONDITIONS.

18:26:32 12 BEFORE MOVING TO FLORIDA FULL-TIME I
18:26:34 13 ACTUALLY LIVED IN VERMONT, AND VERMONT'S SYSTEM WHICH IS
18:26:36 14 SIMILAR TO WHAT PROPOSITION 700,000 WOULD HAVE SAVED MY
18:26:40 15 LIFE. WITH THE AID OF MY DOCTORS AND FULL PLANT OF THE
18:26:44 16 GENUS CANNABIS, I WAS ABLE TO REDUCE MY MEDICATIONS FOR
18:26:44 17 ANKYLOSIS AND SPONDYLITIS, CHRONIC PAIN SYNDROME AND
18:26:50 18 OTHER AILMENTS IN ADDITION TO REDUCING MY PAIN MEDS DOSE
18:26:54 19 FREQUENCY BY OVER TWO-THIRDS. FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE
18:26:58 20 OF OUR CITIZENS AND MYSELF, I URGE YOU TO REVIVE AND PUT
18:27:00 21 ON THE BALLOT PROPOSITION 700,000. THANK YOU.

18:27:04 22 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:27:06 23 MS. FREIS: HI. MY NAME IS JILL FREIS. I
18:27:12 24 AM HERE IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSAL 67. THANK YOU FOR
18:27:16 25 BEING HERE. I AM A FLORIDA RESIDENT. I HAVE BEEN IN

18:27:22 1 THE GREYHOUND BUSINESS MY WHOLE LIFE. THE DOGS ARE
18:27:24 2 LOVED, CARED FOR, MAINTAINED. THEY ARE TREATED BETTER
18:27:28 3 THAN MOST PEOPLE. AND THERE IS SO MANY PEOPLE HERE
18:27:32 4 SAYING STUFF THAT IS SO WRONG. AND THE THING IS THAT
18:27:38 5 IT'S NOT FAIR TO PUT THIS ON THE CONSTITUTION, TO VOTE
18:27:40 6 ON OUR LIVELIHOOD OR FOR THESE DOGS' LIVES WHEN THEY
18:27:46 7 HAVE NOT GOT ALL THE FACTS.

18:27:48 8 AND YOU KNOW, IF YOU GUYS WANT TO COME OUT,
18:27:50 9 AND LIKE SOMEBODY ELSE HAD SAID, SEE FOR YOURSELVES HOW
18:27:54 10 THESE DOGS LIVE AND HOW THEY ARE CARED FOR AND WHAT WE
18:27:56 11 GO THROUGH, THEN THAT'S FINE, BUT TO ALLOW EVERYBODY TO
18:28:00 12 VOTE ON IT FOR THEM, ITS JUST NOT FAIR. IT'S JUST NOT
18:28:04 13 RIGHT. I LOVE MY DOGS AND THANK YOU.

18:28:10 14 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

18:28:12 15 MS. KLINE: HI. MY NAME IS NATALIE KLINE
18:28:14 16 AND I AM HERE TO SPEAK -- I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE
18:28:18 17 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY ACTION NETWORK TO SPEAK ON
18:28:20 18 SUPPORT OF COMMISSIONER CARLTON'S PROPOSAL NUMBER 65
18:28:24 19 WHICH WOULD INCLUDE E-CIGARETTES IN THE FLORIDA CLEAN
18:28:26 20 INDOOR AIR ACT. THE POSITION OF THE AMERICAN CANCER
18:28:30 21 SOCIETY HAS BEEN MISREPRESENTED ON THE ISSUES OF
18:28:32 22 E-CIGARETTES. THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY BELIEVES THAT
18:28:36 23 NO ONE SHOULD SMOKE CIGARETTES AND EVERY EFFORT SHOULD
18:28:40 24 BE MADE TO GET SMOKERS OFF ALL FORMS OF TOBACCO. WE
18:28:42 25 NEED TO PREVENT EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY YOUTH, FROM

18:28:44 1 STARTING TO USE ANY TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

18:28:46 2 ADDITIONALLY, ACF STRONGLY ADVISES SMOKERS

18:28:50 3 TO USE FDA-APPROVED CESSATION METHODS SUCH AS

18:28:52 4 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION AND COUNSELING TO QUIT SMOKING.

18:28:56 5 WHILE CURRENT EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THE CURRENT

18:29:00 6 GENERATION OF E-CIGARETTE PRODUCTS IS LESS HARMFUL THAN

18:29:00 7 CIGARETTES; HOWEVER, THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW THE

18:29:02 8 LONG-TERM IMPACT OF THESE DEVICES. E-CIGARETTES ARE NOT

18:29:08 9 AN FDA-APPROVED CESSATION PRODUCT. THIS NEW ACS

18:29:10 10 POSITION DOES NOT CHANGE OUR SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL 65 OR

18:29:14 11 OUR OPPOSITION OF PROPOSAL 94. TOBACCO CONTROL EFFORTS

18:29:18 12 IN FLORIDA MUST REMAIN VIGILANT IN THE FACE OF NEW AND

18:29:20 13 EMERGING TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

18:29:22 14 PROPOSAL 65 IS NOT A REFERENDUM ON WHETHER

18:29:28 15 E-CIGARETTES ARE MORE OR LESS HARMFUL THAN COMBUSTIBLE

18:29:30 16 TOBACCO PRODUCTS. IT IS ABOUT EVERY FLORIDIAN'S RIGHT

18:29:32 17 TO BREATHE CLEAN AIR.

18:29:34 18 ON A PERSONAL NOTE, TOBACCO FREE FLORIDA

18:29:36 19 HELPED ME QUIT SMOKING EIGHT YEARS AGO. A FEW WEEKS

18:29:40 20 AFTER I INITIALLY QUIT SMOKING I SLIPPED AND HAD A

18:29:42 21 CIGARETTE. I FELT GUILTY AND ALMOST USED IT AS EXCUSE

18:29:46 22 TO PICK UP A VERY BAD HABIT. IT WAS THEIR COMMERCIAL

18:29:50 23 THAT REMINDED ME THAT SLIP-UPS HAPPEN AND HELP WAS JUST

18:29:52 24 A PHONE CALL AWAY. I CALLED AND THEY HELPED ME WITH A

18:29:54 25 QUIT PLAN. I HAVEN'T SMOKED A CIGARETTE SINCE. PLEASE

18:29:58 1 VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 94. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
18:30:02 2 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

18:30:04 3 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: GO AHEAD.

18:30:06 4 MS. CARROLL: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR
18:30:10 5 ALLOWING US TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS CRYSTAL CARROLL. I
18:30:14 6 AM SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSAL 67. I'M A HIALEAH
18:30:18 7 RESIDENT AND I AM ALSO A FOURTH GENERATION GREYHOUND
18:30:22 8 TRAINER. TO NOT REITERATE A WHOLE LOT OF WHAT HAS BEEN
18:30:28 9 SAID, OUR DOGS ARE TREATED VERY WELL AND WE REALLY WISH
18:30:30 10 SOME OF YOU WOULD, IF YOU CAN, COME OUT YOURSELF. SEND
18:30:34 11 SOME PEOPLE OUT THERE UNANNOUNCED, CHECK IT OUT. IT'S
18:30:36 12 REALLY TOUGH FOR US TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS PUT ON
18:30:38 13 THE BALLOT WHEN IN FACT WE HAVE LICENSING ISSUES WHERE
18:30:50 14 THE GENERAL PUBLIC CANNOT COME BACK THERE. AND THERE'S
18:30:50 15 NO DOUBT THAT SOME OF THE ANTI-RACING FOLKS BELIEVE WHAT
18:30:52 16 THEY ARE SAYING, BUT REALLY THEY DON'T KNOW ONE WAY OR
18:30:54 17 THE OTHER BECAUSE THEY CANNOT GET BACK THERE. WE WILL
18:30:56 18 MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO GET ANY OF YOU BACK THERE
18:30:58 19 WHO ARE INTERESTED. I URGE YOU, PLEASE COME TAKE US UP
18:31:00 20 ON OUR OFFERS.

18:31:02 21 IN ADDITION TO THAT, I CAN TELL YOU THAT I
18:31:06 22 PUMP BETWEEN 30 AND \$40,000 INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY VIA
18:31:06 23 WAGES, DOG FOOD, VETERINARY BILLS. IT'S ALSO MY
18:31:06 24 UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS A PRECEDENT SET FOR
18:31:16 25 SOMETHING LIKE THIS REFERRED TO AS THE BURT HARRIS ACT.

18:31:18 1 I DON'T KNOW THAT THE STATE HAS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
18:31:20 2 DOLLARS TO PAY OUT IF IN FACT WE'RE PUT OUT OF WORK AND
18:31:26 3 OUR RIGHT TO MAKE A LIVING IS TAKEN AWAY.

18:31:28 4 ADDITIONALLY, I AM ALSO A GREYHOUND ADOPTION
18:31:32 5 COORDINATOR. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED SINCE 2008. MY
18:31:34 6 ORGANIZATION DOES APPROXIMATELY 500 DOGS A YEAR
18:31:40 7 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, BUT WE DO IT WITHOUT THE HELP OF
18:31:44 8 THE ANTI-RACING FOLKS. SO WITH ALL THAT BEING SAID, I
18:31:50 9 WILL KEEP IT BRIEF. I URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON 67. THANK
18:31:56 10 YOU.

18:31:56 11 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. PHIL
18:31:56 12 BUSARDO, JANICE SMITH, LACEY NESKES, LARRY MURPHY,
18:32:14 13 REBECCA MACKENZIE AND LORA HAYES.

18:32:20 14 MS. KEESLING: HI. MY NAME IS RACHEL
18:32:20 15 KEESLING. I AM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PUNTA GORDA.
18:32:20 16 THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE, PARTICULARLY
18:32:28 17 COMMISSIONER DONALDS, FOR TAKING TIME TO COMMUNICATE
18:32:28 18 WITH YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. WE REALLY
18:32:30 19 APPRECIATE IT. I'M REALLY WEARING TWO HATS TONIGHT.
18:32:34 20 FIRST, AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEAGUE
18:32:38 21 OF CITIES AND THEN AS A PRIVATE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
18:32:38 22 CITIZEN.

18:32:38 23 ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LEAGUE WE
18:32:40 24 URGE YOU TO OPPOSE ANY MOTION TO BRING BACK PROPOSAL 95.
18:32:44 25 THE LEAGUE BACKED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OPPOSE THIS IN

18:32:46 1 ANY FORM. WE WOULD URGE YOU TO RESPECT THE COMMITTEE
18:32:50 2 PROCESS AND ANY INPUT YOU HAVE RECEIVED ALREADY. THERE
18:32:54 3 ARE SO MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES UNDER ACTIVE
18:32:58 4 CONSIDERATION. PLEASE FOCUS ON THOSE.

18:33:00 5 NOW AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN, RACHEL KEESLING,
18:33:06 6 COUNTRY MUSIC FAN AND ROUTE 91 CONCERT GOER, WE NEED
18:33:06 7 STRICTER GUN LAWS. PERSONALLY, I SUPPORT A BAN ON
18:33:10 8 ASSAULT RIFLES. MOST PEOPLE THINK SOMETHING LIKE A MASS
18:33:14 9 SHOOTING WON'T HAPPEN TO THEM, BUT IT HAPPENED TO US.
18:33:16 10 WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT OUT OF THERE AND COME HOME TO
18:33:20 11 OUR FAMILIES SCARRED AND TRAUMATIZED. AFTER STONEMAN
18:33:22 12 DOUGLAS, I DID NOT SLEEP FOR TWO NIGHTS. I CAN'T EVER
18:33:28 13 UNSEE AND UNHEAR OCTOBER 1ST, 2017. THE TIME IS NOW FOR
18:33:30 14 STRICTER GUN LAWS. I KNOW YOU ALL ARE ALL POLITICALLY
18:33:32 15 CONNECTED. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM. THANK YOU.

18:33:36 16 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:33:36 17 MR. BUSARDO: HELLO. MY NAME IS PHIL
18:33:40 18 BUSARDO AND I AM A BRAND NEW CAPE CORAL RESIDENT. IT IS
18:33:42 19 ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL HERE AND I AM VERY EXCITED TO BE
18:33:44 20 PART OF THE COMMUNITY. I AM ALSO A MATURE ADULT
18:33:46 21 PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATED ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE USER
18:33:50 22 SINCE 2009. I FEEL TERRIFIC. AS A MATTER OF FACT,
18:33:56 23 BEFORE I STARTED VAPING I WAS VERY SUSCEPTIBLE TO UPPER
18:33:58 24 RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS. SINCE I'VE BEEN VAPING I
18:34:02 25 HAVEN'T HAD A SINGLE ONE, OKAY? I AM AGAINST PROP 65

18:34:06 1 FOR THIS REASON, BECAUSE IT SENDS A VERY DANGEROUS
18:34:10 2 MESSAGE, AND THAT MESSAGE IS THAT THIS VAPING IS JUST AS
18:34:14 3 DANGEROUS AS THIS SMOKING. AND IT SIMPLY IS NOT. AND
18:34:22 4 SENDING THAT MESSAGE COULD BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR THE
18:34:24 5 PEOPLE WHO MIGHT WANT TO TRY THIS, WHO'S LIVES COULD BE
18:34:28 6 IMPROVED, WHO'S LIVES CAN BE EXTENDED AND WHO'S LIVES
18:34:32 7 COULD BE POTENTIALLY SAVED BY THIS PRODUCT. PLEASE
18:34:36 8 DON'T SEND THAT MESSAGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
18:34:40 9 TIME.

18:34:40 10 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

18:34:42 11 MS. NESKES: HI. MY NAME IS LACEY NESKES.
18:34:44 12 I AM A TEACHER, A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER HERE. I WANT
18:34:50 13 YOU TO ASK YOU TO REJECT PROPOSAL 71. FIRST, THIS
18:34:52 14 PROPOSAL WOULD ENCOURAGE AND ALLOW THE CREATION OF
18:34:56 15 PARALLEL SYSTEMS IN THE FREE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. ONE
18:34:58 16 SYSTEM WOULD ESCAPE CONTROL OF LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS WHILE
18:35:02 17 THE OTHER REMAINS UNDER THE SCHOOL BOARD AUTHORITY.
18:35:04 18 IT'S THE STATE'S ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH THE
18:35:06 19 CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATES FOR A UNIFORM AND EFFICIENT
18:35:08 20 SYSTEM OF FREE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS. I SEE KIDS IN MY
18:35:14 21 CLASSROOM COME IN AND OUT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ALL THE
18:35:16 22 TIME AND IT WOULD NOT BE EFFICIENT IF IT WERE NOT
18:35:18 23 UNIFORM.

18:35:18 24 SECOND, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE
18:35:20 25 PUT A BAN ON SEMI-ASSAULT RIFLES ON THE BALLOT IF YOU

18:35:26 1 CAN. I DON'T FEEL SAFE. MY STUDENTS DON'T FEEL SAFE.
18:35:32 2 OBVIOUSLY THERE'S A LOT WITH THAT TO SAY, BUT I DON'T
18:35:34 3 NEED TO SAY IT. IT'S AFFECTED ME AND MY FAMILIES AND MY
18:35:36 4 STUDENTS TREMENDOUSLY WHAT'S HAPPENED.

18:35:38 5 THE THIRD THING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS FOR
18:35:40 6 YOU TO PLEASE REJECT PROPOSAL 22. THE REASON FOR
18:35:44 7 REJECTING THIS PROPOSAL ARE MANY AND COMPELLING. OUR
18:35:48 8 PRESENT PRIVACY CLAUSES PROTECT EVERYDAY FLORIDIANS FROM
18:35:54 9 GOVERNMENTAL INTRUSION INTO MANY ASPECTS OF OUR PRIVATE
18:35:54 10 LIVES.

18:35:56 11 IN ADDITION TO PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS TO
18:35:56 12 PERSONAL MEDICAL DECISIONS IS INCLUDING END OF LIFE
18:36:00 13 DECISIONS. IT PROTECTS US FROM GOVERNMENT MEDDLING INTO
18:36:02 14 HOW WE RAISE OUR CHILDREN, OUR EDUCATIONAL CHOICES FOR
18:36:04 15 THEM AND WHAT WE DO IN THE PRIVACY OF OUR OWN HOMES.
18:36:08 16 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

18:36:10 17 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

18:36:12 18 MS. SMITH: HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME
18:36:14 19 IS JANICE SMITH. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY.
18:36:18 20 ARTICLE I SECTION 23 OF THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT -- OR
18:36:22 21 STATE CONSTITUTION CURRENTLY ALLOWS FOR MINORS TO
18:36:24 22 RECEIVE ABORTIONS WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT AS DETERMINED
18:36:26 23 BY THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT CASE NORTHERN FLORIDA
18:36:28 24 WOMEN'S HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES INCORPORATION VS.
18:36:32 25 STATE WHICH OVERTURNED THE PARENTAL NOTICE ACT IN 2003,

18:36:36 1 A MINOR IS UNDER 18, 17, 16, 11, 9, 11.

18:36:40 2 I HAVE AN 11-YEAR-OLD SISTER. MY FAMILY

18:36:42 3 LOVES HER. SHE'S FAMILY BUT WE AREN'T BEST FRIENDS. I

18:36:46 4 BARELY UNDERSTAND HER. SHE'S A GIRLY GIRL AND I'M MORE

18:36:50 5 TOMBOYISH. IN JAS VS. STATE, A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY HAD

18:36:54 6 CONSENSUAL SEX WITH A 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL. THAT'S LESS

18:36:54 7 THAN A YEAR DIFFERENT FROM MY LITTLE SISTER. AND AS

18:37:00 8 UNAPPEALING AS IT IS, UNDER ARTICLE I SECTION 23, MY

18:37:00 9 11-YEAR-OLD SISTER COULD HAVE AN ABORTION WITHOUT HER

18:37:00 10 FAMILY KNOWING. YET AS REVOLTING AS THAT SEEMS, IT'S

18:37:00 11 NOT ILLEGAL THAT THE STATE HAD NO REASON TO INTERVENE IN

18:37:12 12 MY FAMILY'S BEHALF AND IMPEDE UPON THE PRIVACY OF MY

18:37:14 13 11-YEAR-OLD NOT YET FULLY LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE SISTER.

18:37:16 14 THE GOVERNMENT IS STAYING OUT OF MY FAMILY'S BUSINESS,

18:37:20 15 OR IS IT, OR DID IT? BY ALLOWING HER TO HAVE AN

18:37:26 16 ABORTION WITHOUT MY PARENTS CONSENT, THEY HAVE

18:37:26 17 UNDERMINED MY PARENT'S AUTHORITY. THE VERDICT'S EFFECT

18:37:28 18 HAS MISDIRECTED THE UPBRINGING OF MY SISTER. SHE'S A

18:37:30 19 MINOR NOT YET FULLY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HER ACTIONS. SO

18:37:34 20 UPON WHOM DOES THE RESPONSIBILITY FALL IF SHE

18:37:36 21 EXPERIENCES ANY SIDE EFFECTS FROM THE PROCEDURE? OUR

18:37:40 22 PARENTS? THEY HAD NO CLUE. THE DOCTORS? THEY WERE

18:37:42 23 JUST DOING THEIR PAID JOB. THEY DIDN'T CAUSE HER

18:37:44 24 RESULTING DEPRESSION. THE GOVERNMENT? THEY TOOK THEIR

18:37:46 25 HANDS OFF THE ISSUE FAILING TO PROTECT MY SISTER FROM

18:37:50 1 HER OWN NAIVETE.

18:37:52 2 IT WAS MY SISTER'S CHOICE NOT TO TELL A

18:37:54 3 SOUL, BUT IT WASN'T HERS TO SUFFER THE SIDE EFFECTS.

18:37:56 4 SHE WAS UNKNOWLEDGEABLE AND NAIVE. ALL RIGHT, SHE'S 11,

18:38:00 5 SO I SUPPOSE SOMETHING IS PRETTY UNLIKELY. BUT LET'S

18:38:04 6 MOVE UP THE AGE, 15, HIGH SCHOOL, A NEW LIFE, BUT ALL

18:38:06 7 THAT PREVIOUSLY STATED CAN STILL APPLY. IT WOULD STILL

18:38:10 8 APPLY, ONLY IT WOULD BE FAR MORE LIKELY. A PARENT NEEDS

18:38:14 9 TO KNOW IF HIS OR HER CHILD IS GOING --

18:38:14 10 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:38:18 11 MS. MACKENZIE: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONERS.

18:38:20 12 MY NAME IS BECKY MACKENZIE. I LIVE IN CAPE CORAL AND I

18:38:24 13 AM HERE TODAY TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL 94 AND

18:38:28 14 IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL 65. MY STORY IS VERY DIFFERENT

18:38:32 15 FROM MANY OF THOSE THAT YOU HAVE PROBABLY HEARD AT THESE

18:38:36 16 HEARINGS SO FAR. I AM ACTUALLY HERE TODAY AS AN EXAMPLE

18:38:38 17 OF THE AMAZING THINGS CANCER RESEARCH CAN ACCOMPLISH. I

18:38:42 18 AM IN FACT LIVING WITH CANCER. I HAVE METASTATIC

18:38:48 19 MEDULLARY THYROID CANCER STAGE 4A. IT'S CHRONIC AND

18:38:54 20 THERE IS NO CURE FOR ME. I LIVE WITH IT EVERY SINGLE

18:38:56 21 DAY. BECAUSE I AM BANKING ON RESEARCH TO ULTIMATELY

18:39:02 22 SAVE MY LIFE, YOU WILL FIND NO BIGGER ADVOCATE FOR

18:39:08 23 CANCER RESEARCH THAN ME. I AM SOMEONE WHO HAS BOTH

18:39:12 24 BENEFITTED FROM IT AS I HAVE SEEN TWO NEW DRUGS

18:39:14 25 DEVELOPED SINCE I WAS DIAGNOSED IN 2009. AND I'M ALSO

18:39:20 1 SOMEONE THAT HOPES THAT CONTINUED ADVANCEMENTS WILL HELP
18:39:24 2 ME LIVE A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE. HOWEVER, I OPPOSE
18:39:28 3 PROPOSAL 94 BECAUSE DIVERTING MONEY FROM CANCER
18:39:34 4 PREVENTION TO CANCER RESEARCH WILL NOT LEAD TO A WORLD
18:39:36 5 WITH LESS CANCER. IT WOULD INSTEAD INCREASE THE ALREADY
18:39:40 6 HEAVY BURDEN THIS DISEASE HAS ON OUR STATE. HAD MY
18:39:44 7 CANCER BEEN PREVENTED IN THE FIRST PLACE AS IT COULD
18:39:48 8 HAVE BEEN WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I WOULD NOT BE IN THIS
18:39:50 9 POSITION AT ALL.

18:39:52 10 WHILE PROPOSAL 94 MAY SEEM ON THE SURFACE TO
18:39:54 11 BE A GOOD IDEA, THE FACT IS I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NEVER
18:39:58 12 TO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. I WOULDN'T NEED TO
18:40:02 13 BE PLANNING MY LIFE AROUND APPOINTMENTS WITH DOCTORS AND
18:40:06 14 ONCOLOGISTS. I WOULDN'T NEED TO BE WORRYING ABOUT
18:40:08 15 HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND I WOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE A
18:40:10 16 LIFE JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE.

18:40:12 17 IF PROPOSAL 94 PASSES IT WOULD RESULT IN
18:40:16 18 MORE CANCER PATIENTS LIKE ME IN THE FUTURE AND I CAN
18:40:20 19 GUARANTEE YOU THAT IS SOMETHING NO ONE WANTS. I ASK
18:40:24 20 THAT YOU PLEASE HELP SAVE LIVES, PROTECT CITIZENS AND
18:40:28 21 OPPOSE PROPOSAL 94. THANK YOU.

18:40:34 22 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. LARRY
18:40:36 23 MURPHY, CHRISTA RAUSIN, IF YOU COULD COME FORWARD,
18:40:40 24 SHARON DEMING, SCOTT SCHARFF, JOHN NIPPER AND JADE
18:40:52 25 FRISE. GO AHEAD.

18:40:54 1 MS. HAYES: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU. MY
18:40:56 2 NAME IS LORA BETH HAYES AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LEE
18:41:00 3 COUNTY. I'VE BEEN A FLORIDA RESIDENT FOR 24 YEARS AND I
18:41:02 4 AM HERE SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL 94. YOU HAVE
18:41:06 5 HEARD A LOT, A LOT OF TALK ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THE
18:41:10 6 TOBACCO FREE FLORIDA PROGRAM. TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO
18:41:14 7 MAKE THE POINT THAT THERE IS MUCH MORE THAT STILL NEEDS
18:41:16 8 TO BE DONE IN THE AREA OF TOBACCO CONTROL. TOBACCO
18:41:20 9 CONTROL EFFORTS IN FLORIDA MUST REMAIN VIGILANT IN THE
18:41:22 10 FACE OF NEW AND EMERGING TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

18:41:26 11 ACCORDING TO THE CDC AND MANY OTHER PUBLIC
18:41:30 12 HEALTH AGENCIES, E-CIGARETTES AND HOOKAHS HAVE GAINED
18:41:34 13 TREMENDOUS POPULARITY, ESPECIALLY AMONG MIDDLE AND HIGH
18:41:38 14 SCHOOL STUDENTS. SO IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT TOBACCO FREE
18:41:38 15 FLORIDA HAVE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO COMBAT THESE NEW
18:41:44 16 THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

18:41:46 17 ADDITIONALLY, THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY CONTINUES
18:41:48 18 TO SPEND \$559,000,000 ANNUALLY IN MARKETING IT'S
18:41:52 19 PRODUCTS TO FLORIDA CITIZENS AND THEY USE THAT MONEY TO
18:41:54 20 TARGET HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS, INCLUDING PEOPLE OF COLOR,
18:41:58 21 LOWER INCOME COMMUNITIES AND RURAL POPULATIONS.

18:42:02 22 MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHILE THE PROGRAM HAS MADE
18:42:06 23 TREMENDOUS PROGRESS, SMOKING REMAINS THE LEADING CAUSE
18:42:08 24 OF PREVENTABLE CANCER DISEASE AND DEATH IN FLORIDA AND
18:42:12 25 ACROSS THE NATION. THE LATEST ESTIMATE INDICATES THAT

18:42:16 1 6,700 FLORIDA YOUTHS CONTINUE TO BECOME NEW DAILY
18:42:20 2 SMOKERS EACH YEAR. OUR BEST DEFENSE AGAINST THE TOBACCO
18:42:26 3 INDUSTRY, ITS MARKETING MACHINE AND THE LIVES IT COSTS
18:42:32 4 IS ARTICLE X SECTION 27 IN FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION. THIS
18:42:34 5 IS WHY IT MUST REMAIN AS THE VOTERS OF THIS STATE
18:42:38 6 INTENDED TO WHEN IT WAS PASSED IN 2006. THANK YOU FOR
18:42:40 7 YOUR TIME.

18:42:42 8 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:42:44 9 MS. DEMING: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS
18:42:46 10 SHARON DEMING AND I LIVE IN FORT MYERS. THE PURPOSE OF
18:42:48 11 MY COMING BEFORE YOU THIS EVENING IS TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO
18:42:50 12 SUPPORT PROPOSAL 67 WHICH WILL PHASE OUT GREYHOUND
18:42:56 13 RACING IN FLORIDA BY YEAR-END 2019. FLORIDA IS ONE OF
18:43:00 14 ONLY A DOZEN OR MORE STATES IN WHICH GREYHOUND RACING IS
18:43:04 15 STILL LEGAL AND THE MAJORITY OF THE DOG TRACKS IN
18:43:06 16 OPERATION ARE IN FLORIDA. THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE.
18:43:08 17 GREYHOUND RACING IS EXTREMELY CRUEL AS THESE DOGS ARE
18:43:10 18 CONFINED FOR THE MAJORITY OF THEIR DAY IN KENNELS SO
18:43:14 19 SMALL THEY CAN BARELY MOVE. THEIR LIVES ARE AT RISK
18:43:16 20 OFTEN DUE TO NEGLECT, STARVATION, LACK OF MEDICAL
18:43:20 21 ATTENTION AND EVEN FOR SOME INSTANCES OF DRUGGING.

18:43:22 22 PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR AND TAX REVENUE FROM
18:43:26 23 GREYHOUND RACING HAVE DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE
18:43:28 24 YEARS. MANY MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS, NATIONAL AND LOCAL
18:43:32 25 ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE MAJORITY OF

18:43:36 1 AMERICAN CITIZENS SUPPORT ENDING GREYHOUND RACING.
18:43:42 2 EXPLOITATION AND CRUELTY ARE NEVER ACCEPTABLE AND
18:43:42 3 CERTAINLY NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUMAN ENTERTAINMENT.
18:43:44 4 PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND SUPPORT PROPOSAL 67 TO END
18:43:50 5 GREYHOUND RACING IN FLORIDA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

18:43:52 6 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:43:54 7 MR. NIPPER: HI. MY NAME IS JOHN NIPPER. I
18:43:56 8 AM A NAVAL VETERAN AND I HAVE AN ORGANIZATION FOR PTSD
18:43:56 9 AND DEPRESSION ADVOCACY CALLED THE ADVOCACY FOR
18:44:04 10 DEPRESSION AWARENESS MOVEMENT. TODAY I AM ACTUALLY HERE
18:44:06 11 TO TALK ABOUT FATHERS' RIGHTS AND I THINK THAT THERE'S A
18:44:08 12 HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION RIGHT NOW HAPPENING ON BEHALF OF
18:44:12 13 A FATHER'S RIGHTS WHEN IT COMES TO ABORTION.

18:44:14 14 I FEEL IF A WOMAN GETS THE 100 PERCENT
18:44:16 15 AUTHORITY TO HAVE ABORTION OR NOT TO DECIDE A LIFE IS
18:44:20 16 HUMAN OR NOT, THEN SHE ALSO BEARS 100 PERCENT
18:44:22 17 RESPONSIBILITY THERE. IF THERE IS SHARED RESPONSIBILITY
18:44:24 18 OF A LIFE THEN THERE IS SHARED DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY
18:44:28 19 THAT HAPPENS THERE. SO IF A WOMAN, A MOTHER GETS TO
18:44:34 20 DECIDE COMPLETELY, THEN SHE ALSO SHOULD BEAR COMPLETE
18:44:34 21 RESPONSIBILITY. AND IF THEY ARE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND
18:44:38 22 SAY THAT A FATHER HAS EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY WITH A MOTHER
18:44:40 23 OF A CHILD, THEN HE SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN EQUAL
18:44:42 24 DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY THERE.

18:44:44 25 I PROPOSE A TWO-KEY SYSTEM WHERE BOTH

18:44:46 1 PARENTS WOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO
18:44:50 2 SIGN OFF ON TAKING RIGHTS FOR THE CHILD; AND IF ONE
18:44:52 3 PARENT DOES NOT WANT THE RIGHTS AND THEY DON'T
18:44:52 4 RELINQUISH THEIR RIGHTS, THEN THEY COULD EITHER DEFER TO
18:44:56 5 THE PARENT WHO WANTS THEM OR THEY WOULD ADOPT THEM IF
18:45:02 6 THEY SHARED RIGHTS. I THINK EITHER WAY WOULD BE
18:45:04 7 ACCEPTABLE AS FAR AS RIGHTS GO, BUT ONE OR THE OTHER
18:45:06 8 TOGETHER IS CAUSING A LAPSE IN PROTECTION FOR FATHERS
18:45:08 9 AND CITIZENS. AND AS SOMEONE WHO DOES DEAL WITH
18:45:14 10 DEPRESSION AND ADVOCACY, I SEE YOUNG MEN ALL THE TIME
18:45:16 11 WHO ARE GETTING STOMPED ON BY SYSTEMS THAT HAVE IGNORED
18:45:20 12 THEM IN CERTAIN WAYS AND THERE ARE SORT OF LAPSES OF
18:45:20 13 COVERAGE OF PROTECTION AS A CITIZEN; AND I THINK IT
18:45:24 14 WOULD HELP A LOT OF OUR YOUNG MEN TO FLOURISH AND BECOME
18:45:30 15 BETTER CITIZENS AND MORE SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE IF THEY ARE
18:45:34 16 ALLOWED TO TAKE UP THE RESPONSIBILITY IN OUR SOCIETY
18:45:36 17 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I AM PRO-VAPE. I
18:45:40 18 THINK VAPES ARE COOL. I THINK THEY ARE OKAY. I USED TO
18:45:44 19 SMOKE AND I USED A VAPE TO QUIT AS WELL.
18:45:46 20 AND I AM PRO GUN RIGHTS AS WELL. I THINK
18:45:48 21 THAT THERE'S A LOT OF UNFORTUNATE SCENARIOS GOING ON
18:45:52 22 RIGHT NOW AND I THINK WE SHOULD DEFINITELY TAKE A LOOK
18:45:54 23 AT THE PSYCHOLOGY BEHIND THAT AND FIX THAT, BUT THAT
18:45:56 24 DOESN'T NEGATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS. THANK YOU
18:46:00 25 VERY MUCH FOR YOU TIME. I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU

18:46:02 1 GUYS ARE DOING.

18:46:02 2 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:46:04 3 MS. RAUSIN: HI. GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS

18:46:04 4 CHRISTA RAUSIN. I HAVE BEEN A CAPE CORAL RESIDENT FOR

18:46:08 5 OVER 20 YEARS. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT PROPOSITION 67. MY

18:46:14 6 STORY IS 20 YEARS AGO WHEN I FIRST MOVED TO CAPE CORAL I

18:46:16 7 ADOPTED A GREYHOUND AND SHE WAS WONDERFUL. I WENT TO A

18:46:20 8 RESCUE AND I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT GREYHOUNDS AT THE TIME.

18:46:26 9 SHE TOOK ME TO A BARN AND I WAS AS ASTOUNDED TO SEE ALL

18:46:30 10 OF THE CRATES OF THE DOGS. SHE WAS TAKING CARE OF THEM

18:46:34 11 THE BEST SHE COULD. SHE OBVIOUSLY HAD A HUGE HEART AND

18:46:38 12 I WAS ASTOUNDED BY THE NUMBER OF DOGS THAT WERE IN THE

18:46:42 13 CRATES. I ENDED UP ADOPTING MY ANNA AND I HAD HER FOR

18:46:46 14 MANY, MANY YEARS UNTIL SHE DIED OF OLD AGE.

18:46:50 15 WHEN I WAS FINISHING MY DEGREE I DID A

18:46:52 16 RESEARCH PAPER ON GREYHOUND RACING, AND WHAT I

18:46:56 17 DISCOVERED, THE CRUELTY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PUPPIES

18:47:04 18 WHEN THEY WEREN'T FAST ENOUGH, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DOGS

18:47:06 19 THAT WEREN'T FAST ENOUGH, HOW THEY WERE KILLED WHEN

18:47:10 20 MONEY COULD NOT BE SPENT TO EUTHANIZE THEM I WAS

18:47:14 21 HORRIFIED. I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT I WAS THE ONLY ONE

18:47:20 22 WHO CARED ABOUT THIS AND I EVEN MADE UP A BUMPER STICKER

18:47:22 23 AND PUT IT ON MY CAR THAT SAID "GREYHOUNDS FOR PETS, NOT

18:47:28 24 FOR PROFIT." THAT WAS 15, 16 YEARS AGO AT LEAST.

18:47:32 25 SO NOW THAT THERE'S PEOPLE WHO ARE SPEAKING

18:47:34 1 OUT AND WHO CARE, WHO WANT TO END GREYHOUND RACING, I
18:47:38 2 FELT I NEEDED TO COME TODAY AND SAY THAT I AM IN SUPPORT
18:47:42 3 OF IT. THANK YOU.

18:47:44 4 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. JADE
18:47:50 5 FRISE, DID I CALL YOUR NAME?

18:48:12 6 MR. MURPHY: MY NAME IS LARRY MURPHY. I'M A
18:48:18 7 PROUD CITIZEN OF LEE COUNTY, A FORMER CHAIR OF TOBACCO
18:48:18 8 FREE LEE AND FORMER VICE-CHAIR OF TOBACCO FREE LEE. IN
18:48:22 9 THAT CAPACITY I WAS HONORED AND PRIVILEGED TO SEE MANY
18:48:26 10 LIVES SAVED BECAUSE OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS DONE BECAUSE
18:48:28 11 OF THE COALITION.

18:48:30 12 I WAS KIND OF TORN WHEN I SAW THIS THING
18:48:34 13 ABOUT PROPOSITION 94 BECAUSE MY BLESSED SAINTED MOTHER
18:48:42 14 DIED OF CANCER, AND I THOUGHT THE INDIVIDUAL THAT
18:48:46 15 BROUGHT THIS UP TO SYPHON SOME OF THE FUNDS OFF FROM
18:48:50 16 TOBACCO FUNDS PROBABLY HAD SOMETHING SIMILAR TO MYSELF
18:48:50 17 WHERE THEY HAD SOMEBODY IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR
18:48:52 18 SOMETHING DRAMATIC THAT HAPPENED TO THEM THAT THEY
18:48:56 19 WANTED TO TAKE DOLLARS AWAY FROM THE TOBACCO FUND.

18:49:00 20 MY DAUGHTER IS A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR.
18:49:06 21 WHEN SHE GOT HER FIVE-YEAR CHECKUP IN THE MAYO CLINIC IN
18:49:10 22 SCOTTSDALE, I WAS THERE. I WAS FLYING BACK TO FLORIDA.
18:49:12 23 I DIDN'T NEED A PLANE I WAS SO ELATED BECAUSE SHE PRETTY
18:49:16 24 MUCH BEAT CANCER, SO I HAVE A HISTORY WITH CANCER EXCEPT
18:49:22 25 THAT MY MOTHER DIED OF CANCER FOR THE SIMPLE REASON SHE

18:49:26 1 WOULDN'T QUIT SMOKING. IT WAS A SAD SITUATION BECAUSE
18:49:30 2 WHEN SHE WAS 60 SHE HAD HER STOMACH TAKEN OUT. MOST OF
18:49:36 3 HER STOMACH WAS TAKEN OUT BECAUSE THE CANCER GOT TO HER
18:49:38 4 STOMACH. SO LATER ON WHEN SHE WAS 67 YEARS OLD ON APRIL
18:49:40 5 15TH, TAX DAY, PALM SUNDAY, WE WERE ALL THERE. AT 11:03
18:49:48 6 THE DOCTOR DIDN'T WANT TO PULL THE PLUG, AND I WAS THE
18:49:52 7 OLDEST IN THE FAMILY AND I HAD TO PULL THE PLUG ON MY
18:49:58 8 MOM. AND SO THE CANCER CENTER, ALTHOUGH ALTRUISTIC, IT
18:50:04 9 COULDN'T HELP SAVE LIVES, BUT THESE DOLLARS, THESE WERE
18:50:08 10 ALL FUNDED FOR THE SPECIFIC REASON OF TOBACCO
18:50:12 11 PREVENTION.

18:50:12 12 I HAVE TWO SECONDS LEFT AND I DON'T KNOW IF
18:50:14 13 YOU SAW THIS. THIS WAS IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL ON
18:50:18 14 FRIDAY AND BASICALLY WE'RE GETTING INTO THE SECONDHAND
18:50:20 15 SMOKE, EVEN THIRDHAND SMOKE. THAT'S HOW HORRIBLE
18:50:24 16 SMOKING IS, TOBACCO IS. THANK YOU.

18:50:24 17 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. SIR.

18:50:38 18 MR. SCHARFF: MY NAME IS SCOTT SCHARFF AND I
18:50:40 19 AM HERE IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSAL 67. I WAS A GREYHOUND
18:50:44 20 TRAINER IN MASSACHUSETTS WHEN WE WERE VOTED OUT. I
18:50:50 21 MOVED TO FLORIDA, I BOUGHT A HOUSE, I TAKE CARE OF MY
18:50:54 22 FAMILY AND I KNOW WHAT THESE PEOPLE SAY ARE LIES. THEY
18:50:58 23 USED A DOG OF MINE THAT I TRAINED THAT THEY USED IN AN
18:51:00 24 AD, CLAIMED IT WAS EUTHANIZED AND SHE HAD PUPS AND WAS
18:51:04 25 ADOPTED OUT AFTERWARDS. I'M SPEECHLESS NOW. I'M SORRY.

18:51:16 1 YOU REALLY HAVE TO CHECK YOUR FACTS AND THINK ON THIS.

18:51:24 2 BUT THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

18:51:26 3 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. JADE FISE,

18:51:32 4 CATHERINE ROBINSON, ALEX GALANTE, NINA BRYANT GARCIA,

18:51:42 5 JACKIE SCHARFF AND KAREN MELITO, IF YOU CAN COME

18:51:50 6 FORWARD. GO AHEAD.

18:51:52 7 MS. FISE: MY NAME IS JADE FISE. I WAS BORN

18:51:52 8 INTO THIS BUSINESS. MY MOM WAS IN THIS BUSINESS LONG

18:51:58 9 BEFORE I WAS BORN. SHE HAD A KENNEL DOWN HERE. I WAS

18:52:02 10 RAISED ON THE FARM WITH THE PUPPIES WITH MY GRANDMA. IT

18:52:04 11 WAS THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE AND REALLY GOOD MEMORIES,

18:52:08 12 AND THE THOUGHT THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM

18:52:10 13 US IS VERY EMOTIONAL. THIS IS HOW I SUPPORT MY KIDS.

18:52:14 14 IT'S THE ONLY WAY I KNOW HOW TO SUPPORT MY KIDS. THEIR

18:52:18 15 DAD'S ON OXYGEN. HE'S QUITE A BIT OLDER THAN I AM.

18:52:22 16 THAT WAS MY CHOICE. HE IS NOT ABLE TO HELP WITH THE

18:52:24 17 SUPPORTING OF THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OR IF WE HAD TO

18:52:26 18 MOVE. THAT'S PROBABLY THE ONLY OTHER OPTION FOR US, AND

18:52:30 19 WHERE I WOULD GO I HAVE NO CLUE.

18:52:32 20 I JUST HOPE THAT YOU GUYS CAN LOOK INTO THE

18:52:34 21 FACTS, COME SEE OUR KENNELS, COME SEE HOW OUR DOGS ARE

18:52:40 22 TAKEN CARE OF. TO REPEAT OTHER FACTS AS TO HOW MUCH

18:52:44 23 MONEY WE SPEND ON THE DOGS -- THE TOYS, COOKIES, FOOD,

18:52:46 24 EXTRA FOOD -- I MEAN JUST LIKE EVERYTHING WHEN WE GO TO

18:52:50 25 THE STORE WE JUST THINK ABOUT THE DOGS EVERY DAY OF OUR

18:52:54 1 LIVES. I SPEND COUNTLESS HOURS AT THE KENNEL WITH THE
18:52:56 2 DOGS TAKING CARE OF THEM. AND EVERYONE THAT'S
18:53:00 3 SURROUNDING ME IN THEIR KENNEL, EVERYONE TAKES CARE OF
18:53:04 4 THIS DOGS. NOTHING OF ANY NEGATIVITY IS SUPPORTED OR
18:53:04 5 PUT UP WITH.

18:53:08 6 FOR PEOPLE TO NOT HAVE ALL THEIR FACTS, THEY
18:53:12 7 LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE AND DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT GOES
18:53:14 8 ON IN THE KENNEL WITH THE DOGS HAS FAR AS ATTENTION AND
18:53:20 9 CARE AND CONCERN. OUR HEARTS ARE 100 PERCENT INTO THIS.
18:53:26 10 THE CARE IS 110 PERCENT INTO THIS. I JUST HOPE THAT YOU
18:53:30 11 CAN FIND IT IN YOUR HEARTS NOT TO END THIS FOR US AND
18:53:32 12 OUR FAMILIES. I AM DEFINITELY NOT THE ONLY FAMILY
18:53:38 13 THAT'S HAVING THEIR HEART RIPPED OUT NOW. THANK YOU.

18:53:38 14 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:53:44 15 MS. GALANTE: HI. MY NAME IS ALEX GALANTE.
18:53:46 16 THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN
18:53:50 17 DEMOCRACY. NOW, I WANT TO ASK YOU, IMAGINE APPLYING FOR
18:53:54 18 A JOB AND GETTING HIRED FOR THE JOB. YOU HAVE ALL OF
18:53:58 19 THE EXPERIENCE FOR THE JOB AND YOU PROVE YOURSELF. AND
18:54:04 20 THEN THE SAME DAY THE OWNER CALLS YOU IN AND SAYS, "I'M
18:54:08 21 SORRY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LET YOU GO." AND YOU ASK
18:54:10 22 WHY AND THEY SAY, "WELL, WE PULLED UP YOUR BACKGROUND
18:54:16 23 AND WE SEE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF A CRIME AND
18:54:18 24 NOW I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WERE THE VICTIM, BUT THIS IS
18:54:22 25 ALL JUST TOO MUCH," AND THEN THEY FIRE YOU AND NOT BEING

18:54:26 1 ABLE TO HOLD THOSE PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE.

18:54:30 2 IMAGINE HAVING TO CALL AROUND FIVE, SIX,
18:54:34 3 SEVEN STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES JUST TO GET A SIMPLE
18:54:38 4 ANSWER ON HOW TO GET YOUR INFORMATION EXEMPT FROM THE
18:54:46 5 PUBLIC BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF A CRIME.

18:54:50 6 I AM HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF MARSY'S LAW
18:54:52 7 AND PROPOSAL 96 BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IN FLORIDA THERE ARE
18:54:56 8 SO MANY HOLES IN THE SYSTEM. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH
18:55:02 9 CONGRUENCY WHEN IT COMES TO REPRESENTATION FOR VICTIMS
18:55:06 10 IN THIS STATE. IMAGINE HAVING TO CALL AROUND ALL THESE
18:55:12 11 AGENCIES AND BADGER STATE EMPLOYEES WHO CANNOT ANSWER
18:55:16 12 YOUR QUESTION.

18:55:22 13 ADDITIONALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE
18:55:24 14 ANTI-CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMED TO BE PRO-VICTIM
18:55:28 15 ADVOCACY. A LOT OF VICTIMS AT ONE POINT HAVE COMMITTED
18:55:32 16 CRIMES. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD START REFERRING TO
18:55:36 17 VICTIMS AS SURVIVORS AND START REFERRING TO PEOPLE WHO
18:55:40 18 HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND PAID THEIR DUES
18:55:46 19 AS MAYBE REFORMED MEN AND WOMEN. THANK YOU.

18:55:46 20 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:55:50 21 MS. MELITO: GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS CARA
18:55:54 22 MELITO AND I LIVE IN NAPLES, FLORIDA. I MOVED TO
18:55:56 23 FLORIDA 13 YEARS AGO FOR A LIFELONG DREAM JOB
18:55:58 24 OPPORTUNITY AND HAVE BEEN PROUD TO CALL IT HOME SINCE.
18:56:02 25 BUT THERE'S ONE ASPECT OF FLORIDA LIFE THAT I AM A

18:56:06 1 SHAMED STILL EXISTS AND THAT IS GREYHOUND RACING. THAT
18:56:10 2 WE ARE ONE OF SIX STATES IN AMERICA WITH ACTIVE
18:56:12 3 GREYHOUND RACE TRACKS IS SAD. SADDER YET IS THAT WE
18:56:16 4 FLORIDIANS CLAIM THREE-QUARTERS OF THE TOTAL TRACKS. I
18:56:20 5 AM HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL 67 THAT
18:56:24 6 WOULD PHASE OUT GREYHOUND RACING IN OUR STATE.

18:56:28 7 GREYHOUND BREEDERS WILL TELL YOU YOU ARE
18:56:30 8 TAKING AWAY THEIR LIVELIHOOD. THIS IS NOT A JUSTIFIABLE
18:56:36 9 EXPLANATION. MAN HAS HAD TO AND WILL CONTINUE TO ADAPT
18:56:40 10 HIS LIVELIHOOD AS A RESULT OF DYING INDUSTRIES AND
18:56:44 11 UNPOPULAR PRACTICES, MOST OFTEN PRECIPITATED BY PUBLIC
18:56:48 12 OPPOSITION. THIS WOULD BE NO DIFFERENT. PLEASE VOTE
18:56:52 13 YES ON PROPOSAL 67 AND LET US BE THE NEXT STATE TO
18:56:56 14 PROUDLY DECLARE THE END OF GREYHOUND RACING IN THIS
18:57:00 15 GREAT STATE.

18:57:04 16 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

18:57:04 17 MS. GARCIA: HELLO. MY NAME IS NINA GARCIA.
18:57:06 18 I AM HERE IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSAL 94. PLEASE VOTE NO.
18:57:12 19 THANK YOU.

18:57:12 20 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:57:16 21 MS. ROBINSON: HI. MY NAME IS CATHERINE
18:57:18 22 ROBINSON. I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIDA
18:57:22 23 PARENT NETWORK AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL 71.
18:57:26 24 A SPEAKER HERE EARLIER SPOKE ABOUT THE FEAR THAT THIS
18:57:28 25 WOULD CREATE A PARALLEL SYSTEM. WELL, UNFORTUNATELY

18:57:32 1 THERE IS ALREADY A PARALLEL SYSTEM IN FLORIDA BETWEEN
18:57:36 2 THESE WHO CAN AFFORD EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS AND THOSE WHO
18:57:40 3 TOO OFTEN FEEL TRAPPED IN THEIR ZIP CODE.

18:57:42 4 THERE ARE 107,000 CHILDREN ON CHARTER
18:57:46 5 WAITING LISTS IN THIS STATE. AN ALTERNATE AUTHORIZER
18:57:52 6 WOULD CREATE MORE SCHOOLS AND ALLOW THESE CHILDREN TO
18:57:54 7 GET OFF WAITING LISTS AND GET INTO THE SCHOOLS THEY SO
18:57:58 8 DESPERATELY NEED. CHILDREN ON WAITING LISTS FALL FAR,
18:57:58 9 FAR BEHIND THOSE WHO ARE IN SCHOOLS THAT WORK FOR THEM.
18:58:02 10 SO PLEASE CONSIDER THIS AND VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 71 WHICH
18:58:04 11 WILL ALLOW THESE CHILDREN TO GET THE EDUCATION THAT THEY
18:58:06 12 NEED. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18:58:08 13 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.

18:58:12 14 MS. SCHARFF: GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND
18:58:14 15 GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS JACKIE SCHARFF. THANK YOU FOR
18:58:18 16 BEING HERE TONIGHT. THIS IS MY SON, THIS IS MY
18:58:20 17 DAUGHTER. WE'RE HERE TO IMPLORE YOU TO OPPOSE, REJECT
18:58:26 18 AND REMOVE PROPOSITION NUMBER 67 ON THE GREYHOUNDS. WE
18:58:30 19 WERE IN MASSACHUSETTS WHEN THE VOTE WENT. THIS LITTLE
18:58:34 20 ONE HERE WAS JUST SEVEN MONTHS OLD. HE WAS TWO. AND WE
18:58:40 21 HAD TO PACK UP EVERYTHING THREE MONTHS LATER WHERE WE
18:58:44 22 COULD HAVE A JOB. I LOVE THE DOGS. THAT'S WHY I
18:58:46 23 TRAVELED. THAT'S WHY I HAVE HAD PET AFTER PET AT HOME.
18:58:50 24 I HAVE ONE AT HOME NOW. WE LOVE HIM.

18:58:52 25 THE GREYHOUNDS HAVE BEEN MY WHOLE LIFE. I

18:58:54 1 STARTED WHEN I WAS 13. I DECIDED WHEN I WAS 17 THAT
18:58:58 2 THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO AND WE HAVE BEEN
18:59:00 3 EVERYWHERE. AND MASSACHUSETTS THEY MIGHT HAVE VOTED US
18:59:06 4 OUT BUT IT'S STILL NOT A STATE THAT IT'S ILLEGAL. IT'S
18:59:08 5 STILL NOT ILLEGAL IN ARIZONA. IT'S NOT ILLEGAL IN
18:59:12 6 KANSAS. THERE IS ONLY ONE STATE WHERE IT'S ILLEGAL EVEN
18:59:16 7 THOUGH EVERYBODY SEEMS TO CLAIM THAT -- I DON'T EVEN
18:59:18 8 KNOW THE NUMBER BECAUSE IT'S MADE UP.

18:59:22 9 AS FAR AS DONATIONS GO FOR THE PETS, MY BOSS
18:59:26 10 GIVES EVERY TIME A PET GOES. WE GIVE A FEW TIMES A YEAR
18:59:30 11 BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT
18:59:34 12 THE RIGHT THING TO DO. I AM JUST TOTALLY BAFFLED ABOUT
18:59:42 13 THIS, ABOUT PUTTING PEOPLE OUT OF WORK AND LIVELIHOODS
18:59:46 14 AND CHANGING TIMES. YES, TIMES DO CHANGE, BUT THERE ARE
18:59:50 15 PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO SUFFER. WE HAVE SUFFERED. WE
18:59:56 16 HAVE NOT HAD INSURANCE SINCE 2008 SINCE THEY VOTED US
18:59:58 17 OUT. WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD IT. IT WAS PROVIDED FOR US
19:00:02 18 THROUGH THE TRACK AND PAID FOR BY THE KENNEL. IT WOULD
19:00:06 19 BE -- I MEAN WE MOVED FROM MASS TO HIALEAH AND THEN THE
19:00:12 20 TRACK OWNER DECIDED THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE IT A CIRCUIT
19:00:14 21 BETWEEN FLAGLER AND HERE.

19:00:20 22 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU. I HAVE ONE
19:00:26 23 SPEAKER CARD REMAINING. COMMISSIONERS, IF WE COULD JUST
19:00:30 24 TAKE A PAUSE HERE SO I CAN CONFIRM WITH THIS STAFF THAT
19:00:32 25 THERE WEREN'T ANY LAST MINUTE SPEAKER CARDS BROUGHT IN.

19:00:36 1 IF WE JUST TAKE A PAUSE HERE FOR A MINUTE OR TWO AND
19:00:40 2 THEN TRACY COGAN -- IS TRACY STILL HERE? TRACY YOU WILL
19:00:46 3 BE OUR LAST SPEAKER UNLESS WE HAVE SOME CARDS THAT CAME
19:00:50 4 IN AFTER YOU, SO JUST HOLD ON FOR ONE MINUTE AND WE'LL
19:00:52 5 BE RIGHT BACK TO YOU.

19:00:54 6 (WHEREUPON, A BRIEF RECESS WAS TAKEN.)

19:01:10 7 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: ALL RIGHT, TRACY, YOU
19:01:12 8 HAVE THE LAST SLOT FOR THE EVENING. YOU HAVE THE SAME
19:01:14 9 TWO MINUTES THE VERY FIRST PERSON HAD, SO --

19:01:18 10 MS. COGAN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR HAVING
19:01:20 11 THIS MEETING HERE IN CAPE CORAL. I AM YOUR LAST SPEAKER
19:01:22 12 BECAUSE I WORK UNTIL SIX O'CLOCK IN ESTERO. I DROVE
19:01:26 13 STRAIGHT HERE TO BE HERE TONIGHT, SO THANK YOU. THE
19:01:30 14 REASON I AM HERE TONIGHT IS TO ASK YOU TO REVIVE
19:01:32 15 COMMISSIONER SHIFINO'S PROPOSAL NUMBER 62. I THINK IT'S
19:01:36 16 A GREAT IDEA FOR US TO HAVE TWO OPEN PRIMARIES. IN LIEU
19:01:42 17 OF THAT I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU PASS PROPOSAL NUMBER 11 TO
19:01:48 18 CLOSE THE WRITE-IN LOOPHOLE BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT'S AN
19:01:54 19 EGREGIOUS LOOPHOLE THAT'S TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF EVEN HERE
19:01:56 20 IN LEE COUNTY WITH ELIZABETH BENEQUISTO AND JASON MON
19:01:56 21 (PHONETIC SPELLING) WHEN SHE HAD ONE OF HER SUPPORTERS
19:02:04 22 BE A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE AND EVEN ADMITTED IT TO THE NEWS
19:02:04 23 MEDIA HERE LOCALLY. I JUST FIND THAT REALLY EGREGIOUS.
19:02:08 24 SHE BLOCKED OUT A HALF MILLION LEE COUNTY VOTERS FROM
19:02:12 25 VOTING BECAUSE THAT WOULD HAVE WENT TO THE GENERAL.

19:02:14 1 LIKE AMENDMENT 11 THAT WAS PASSED IN 1998,
19:02:18 2 THE SPIRIT OF THAT LAW WAS TO MAKE IT SO THAT IF WE HAVE
19:02:20 3 TWO CANDIDATES EVERYBODY CAN VOTE ON IT, AND SHE
19:02:24 4 VIOLATED THAT WHEN SHE HAD HER SUPPORTER BE A WRITE-IN
19:02:30 5 CANDIDATE. AND I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU PASS THAT. I
19:02:32 6 BELIEVE WE SHOULD HAVE OPEN PRIMARIES.

19:02:36 7 I'M FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE, IT'S AN OPEN PRIMARY
19:02:38 8 STATE, SO WHEN I CAME DOWN HERE AND GOT MY INDEPENDENT
19:02:40 9 BALLOT, BECAUSE I'M AN INDEPENDENT. I HAVE TO CHANGE MY
19:02:44 10 PARTIES DEPENDING ON WHO I WANT TO VOTE FOR IN EACH
19:02:46 11 PRIMARY WHICH I THINK IS A BURDEN I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO
19:02:50 12 BEAR. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE AN INDEPENDENT VOTER, NOT
19:02:52 13 TO MENTION THE 3.4 MILLION INDEPENDENT VOTERS THAT WE
19:02:56 14 HAVE HERE IN FLORIDA THAT AREN'T ALLOWED TO VOTE IN
19:02:58 15 PRIMARIES, BUT THEIR TAX DOLLARS ARE USED TO FUND THOSE
19:03:00 16 PRIMARIES. TO ME THAT EQUALS TAXATION WITHOUT
19:03:04 17 REPRESENTATION AND THAT IS WRONG. IF THEY WANT TO HAVE
19:03:08 18 CLOSED PRIMARIES THEN THEY SHOULD PAY FOR IT THEMSELVES.
19:03:10 19 IF THEY ARE A PRIVATE PARTY HAVING A CLOSED PRIMARY THEN
19:03:12 20 THEY SHOULD BE FUNDED PRIVATELY, NOT WITH OUR TAX
19:03:14 21 DOLLARS. I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD PASS AMENDMENT 62
19:03:20 22 AND ALSO AMENDMENT 97. I HOPE YOU REJECT THAT AMENDMENT
19:03:22 23 AND VOTE FOR THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

19:03:22 24 CHAIRPERSON CARLTON: THANK YOU.
19:03:28 25 COMMISSIONERS, TRACY WAS OUR LAST SPEAKER. SO TO THE

19:03:30 1 CITIZENS OF CAPE CORAL AND EVERYBODY HERE WE THANK YOU
19:03:34 2 FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND FOR EXPRESSING YOUR OPINIONS.
19:03:36 3 AND NO FURTHER BUSINESS COMING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE,
19:03:40 4 COMMISSIONER DONALDS MOVES WE RISE AND THE MEETING IS
19:03:48 5 ADJOURNED.

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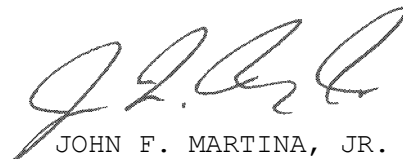
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