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**OPENING REMARKS PRESENTED TO EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REGARDING NOMINATION FOR
REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GAMING POLICY BOARD.**

Good afternoon Senator Looney, Representative Janowski and members of the Committee. I am Ed Osswalt. It is my honor and pleasure to come before you once again as Governor Rell's nominee for reappointment to the Gaming Policy Board. I am grateful to Governor Rell for nominating me and to this Committee for its consideration of the nomination.

I retired in 2005 from active state service after having had the privilege of serving the public for twenty eight years. I know you have been furnished with a copy of my resume so I won't expound on my background and education here. However, I can report to you that I have found my past work experiences with the Office of the Attorney General and the Division of Special Revenue to be extremely useful in my consideration of the issues confronting the Gaming Policy Board over the past two years.

I consider it an honor and privilege to have served on the Gaming Policy Board with colleagues of the stature and credentials of my current colleagues on the Board.

I have also been favorably impressed with the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the operations of the Division of Special Revenue under the leadership of its executive director, Paul Young.

On a personal note, I should report that since I was before you last, my wife and I, now empty nesters, downsized to a condominium in Rocky Hill after having resided in Manchester for more than thirty years. I also continue my service as a volunteer auxiliary public hearing panel member for the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, having been appointed by Commissioner Galvin in late 2006.

With your approval, I look forward to continuing my service on the Gaming Policy Board and hopefully contributing in some small way to the success of the mission of the Board and the Division. At this time I would be happy to answer any questions.