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STATE OF LOUISIANA

REGULAR MEETING

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3132 VALLEY CREEK
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

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3	MS. KIM BARON					
4	MR. DEREK PARNELL					
5	MS. HEATHER ELLIS					
6	MR. BUTCH WRIGHT					
7	MR. ROY HEBERT					
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                 MR. ROBINSON:
                     Let's go ahead and get
     started.
                     Commissioner Roy, do you want
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     to lead us in the Pledge?
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                 MR. ROY:
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                     Yes, sir.
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                 (Pledge of Allegiance.)
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                 MR. ROBINSON:
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                     Welcome to everybody.
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                     Kim, if you would, roll call,
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     please.
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                 MS. BARON:
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                     Glen Robinson?
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                 MR. ROBINSON:
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                     Present.
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                 MS. BARON:
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                     George Brewer?
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                 MR. BREWER:
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                      (No response.)
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                 MS. BARON:
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                     Rhett Bourgeois?
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                 MR. BOURGEOIS:
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1	MS.	BARON:			
2		Tony Cormier?			
3	MR.	CORMIER:			
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5	MS.	BARON:			
6		Ron Duplessis?			
7	MR.	DUPLESSIS:			
8		Here.			
9	MS.	BARON:			
10		George Floyd?			
11	MR.	FLOYD:			
12		(No response.)			
13	MS.	BARON:			
14		John Poteet?			
15	MR.	POTEET:			
16		(No response.)			
17	MS.	BARON:			
18		Kirby Roy?			
19	MR.	ROY:			
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21	MS.	BARON:			
22		Darty Smith?			
23	MR.	SMITH:			
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                MS. BARON:
                     And Douglas Turner?
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                MR. TURNER:
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                MS. BARON:
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                     Mr. Chairman, we have a
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     quorum.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
                     Thank you.
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                     Anyone for public comments
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                MS. BARON:
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                     No, sir.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                     Item 4, items for discussion
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     on the agenda, approval of the minutes from
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     the previous meeting. We received these a
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     number of days ago.
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                MR. ROY:
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                     I move to approve.
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                MR. BOURGEOIS:
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                     Second.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                     Motion and a second.
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                     All in favor?
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Page 7 1 (All "Aye" responses.) 2 MR. ROBINSON: 3 Anyone opposed? 4 (No response.) 5 MR. ROBINSON: 6 None. 7 The financial matters, Item "B", Ms. Heather, if you would, please. 8 9 MS. ELLIS: 10 Good morning. If you would 11 turn to Page 1, please. February of 2010 12 expenses at the bottom of the page, 13 \$61,991.28. 14 On Page 2 is our total 15 revenues, \$58,232.76 for a difference of That's compared to February of 16 \$3,758.52. 17 2009 where there was an almost \$34,000 18 difference between expenses and revenues. 19 Page 3, this is a three month 20 comparison, so you can see how the last 21 three months have gone. As far as our 22 expenses, they are staying consistent except 23 for January because there were three 24 payrolls. 25 Page 4, our revenues are

- continuing to develop due to our receiving
- the license fees for the majority of the
- 3 year, and we had \$58,219.26 in revenues.
- 4 On.
- Page 5, our year-to-date
- budget balance. As far as our operating
- services, we have 31 percent left.
- Professional services we have 42.9 percent
- 9 left. Our total expenditures, we have spent
- almost 65 percent leaving a little over 35
- percent left for the last four months of the
- year. And Page 5 --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- So we are close.
- MS. ELLIS:
- We are close.
- We have taken in all but 24.4
- percent of our budgeted revenues for the
- 19 year.
- Page 7, our balance sheet,
- our total assets including our cash in the
- bank, petty cash and our CD investments.
- Page 8 is the balance sheet
- with our liabilities.
- 25 And Page 9 is our CD

- statement, and these remain unchanged until
- the end of April. At the end of April, we
- will have to either renew or cash in two of
- 4 the CDs and that will be up to the Board to
- decide this month what to do with those CDs.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Do we need the funds?
- MS. ELLIS:
- I don't believe so, not at
- this point.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- How long should we tie them
- ¹³ up?
- MS. ELLIS:
- They are on an automatic six
- month renewal and the interest rates
- everywhere right now are going to be between
- 1.3 and 1.5.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Should we look at a money
- market or at least on one or two of them to
- have available liquidity if we need it?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- I think we ought to look at
- whatever we are allowed to do based on State

- statutes other than CDs. We have got our
- ² CPA here.
- Mr. Hebert, can I put you on
- the spot? You don't mind, do you?
- MR. HEBERT:
- No. That's fine.
- ⁷ MR. ROBINSON:
- We are talking about we've
- ⁹ got three CDs currently.
- MR. HEBERT:
- 11 Yes, sir.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- What are we allowed to do
- with our fund balance other than put them in
- CDs, is there some kind of money market we
- can put them in?
- MR. HEBERT:
- Well, I mean, the Revised
- 19 Statutes defines what we can invest in.
- Sheri probably has a better feel for that
- than I, but, you know, any --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- But I put you on the spot.
- MR. HEBERT:
- 25 -- any security that's

- guaranteed by of the US Government, bonds,
- "T" bills, that kind of thing, we are
- allowed to do. I mean, that's the mix you
- see normally is either a CD or a treasury
- ⁵ bill, treasury note, Fannie Mae, Freddie
- 6 Mac, any of the government supported
- obligations. Their rates are a little
- higher than CDs, but you typically get those
- ⁹ in hundred thousand dollar quantities. So
- it is tying up a big chunk of cash. It is
- not like you can go buy \$50,000 worth.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- What would the time frame be
- if you do that, have you got to commit to a
- certain length of time?
- MR. HEBERT:
- 17 It depends how much you buy,
- I mean, because they have varying maturity
- dates. So whatever the security is that you
- buy and its maturity cycle. I mean, you can
- buy one that has six months left on it. Of
- course, you are going to pay closer to par
- for it at the point. So you might buy
- \$100,000 bond for 99.5 for six months and,
- you know, it's really a mixed bag. CD rates

- are less than one right now most every place
- I've seen. Point 9 was the last quote I got
- last week from Chase and Capital One both.
- 4 MR. BOURGEOIS:
- Point 9 you said?
- 6 MR. HEBERT:
- That's for a one year, one
- million dollar CD. It's just not out there
- ⁹ right now.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Director Parnell, why don't
- you look into it and get with -- see if
- there is something better we can do. We
- iust can't -- until we know about our
- legislative package that's going through, we
- probably almost need to do another CD,
- though, until we make sure our legislative
- packet gets passed and see what's out there
- and what kind of return we might can get.
- Ms. Heather, I'm sorry, we
- were on Page 9.
- MR. ROY:
- Ms. Heather, excuse me, are
- you predicting or you are not predicting
- that the interest rates will be the same,

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Page 13
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      1.5 and 2.1?
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                 MS. ELLIS:
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                     No, they are dropping.
                 MR. ROY:
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                     To what?
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                 MS. ELLIS:
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                     Usually, the last one we
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     renewed was 1.3. They seem to be staying
     1.2, 1.3 right around there. It is not
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     going up at all.
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                 MR. ROY:
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                     For the credit union?
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                 MS. ELLIS:
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                     For all banks pretty much.
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                 MR. ROY:
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                     Even the 2.1?
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                MS. ELLIS:
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                     Yes.
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                 MR. ROBINSON:
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                     You see those rates were a
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     year ago.
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                MR. ROY:
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                     The 1.55 and the 2.15, and
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- that's probably APY what we are --I'm going
- to guess that's probably APY, the 2.15.
- ³ Page 10.
- MS. ELLIS:
- 5 Page 10 are revenue and
- expenditure comparisons. It's the same
- figures, our revenues at \$58,232.76 and our
- expenditures at \$61,991.28 leaving our fund
- 9 balance at \$1,534,984.10. It is a lot
- better place to be than we were last year at
- this time. We were staying a lot closer to
- our revenues.
- Page 11 is our accounts
- 14 receivable. These are unchanged from last
- month except for the payment we received
- last month, which is no longer on this
- sheet.
- And Page 12 would be our
- summary page. We had almost \$17,000 less in
- regular salaries than the previous month due
- to February only having two payrolls. There
- was no overtime for February. Our rate of
- benefits were lower due to same two payrolls
- in February instead of three. Per diem was
- paid for the February meeting. There is no

- administrative travel. Regular field
- expenses were paid. We paid for the
- ³ Commissioners' February travel. No monies
- ⁴ paid out for conferences. We had no
- ⁵ printing expenses. Our yearly insurance
- ⁶ premiums have been paid already. We paid
- ⁷ \$529 less than the previous month on auto
- maintenance. And our other maintenance were
- 9 regular payments. Our rental was paid for
- the copier and mail machines. Dues and
- subscriptions are zero. We had no postage
- for February. Our telephone was \$322 less
- than the previous month. Our utilities were
- \$146 more than the previous month.
- Miscellaneous expenses were paid for direct
- deposit fees, bank service charges and
- criminal record checks. And we have regular
- office supplies for February and the
- 19 February invoice for January charges of
- audit supplies. We paid out Robert Hallack
- and Sheri Morris for January invoices, and
- we also paid court reporter and CPA for
- January.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Since you are both here,

- let's go back to Page 7, our main account,
- our Bank One account. Are we allowed to
- have that in any kind investment account
- where you -- you know, where they pull the
- 5 money out on a daily basis based on what you
- 6 don't need?
- ⁷ MS. MORRIS:
- 8 As long as it is secured. It
- 9 is FDIC insured.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 11 That's what we have to find
- out.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, it wouldn't be FDIC
- insured with that kind of balance.
- MR. HEBERT:
- The 250,000 is the FDIC
- limits.
- MS. MORRIS:
- It is showing \$600,000. So,
- we couldn't have --
- MR. HEBERT:
- The banks should be pledging
- securities, though, with the FDIC insurance.
- MR. ROBINSON:

- accounts or two different accounts that fall
- ² under the insurance limits.

MR. ROBINSON:

- Again, it is not going to be
- ⁵ a tremendous amount of money, but some day
- these rates aren't going to be 1.2 percent.
- You know, some day these rates are going to
- be four or five percent again and we might
- as well start doing our homework on it.

MR. HEBERT:

- You can set your sweep up, go
- in and -- they have different flavors of
- sweep accounts, so that the funds are swept
- into a government backed money market
- account, so we meet the requirements to have
- it collateralized or invested in government
- securities. They pay a little lower rate
- than commercial bonds, but you can -- it is
- one method of meeting the obligation to have
- it secured.

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MR. ROBINSON:

- We just have to look at with
- rates so low that the cost -- the bank
- charges to do that, whether it's -- you
- know, where we come out, but I'm sure the

- appropriate person at the bank can run us
- some numbers and tell us what we would be
- 3 looking at over say a period of 90 days.
- 4 The other thing on the
- balance sheet, Mr. Hebert, is there anything
- on there that you are aware of that -- are
- we okay with everything on there, is there
- something that might -- this is just
- 9 something we have never ever really looked
- at is the balance sheet. And, again, I know
- you weren't asked to come and speak on these
- things.
- MR. HEBERT:
- I think the -- I mean, the
- one suspect number I have on here is that
- accrued interest receivable, the \$10,474, if
- 17 I can find it.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Does it look high?
- MR. HEBERT:
- Yes.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- The one I always wonder about
- is why is the parking lot on there, why is
- that not part of the building?

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                MS. ELLIS:
                    Because that's repairs that
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     were made recently and we have to depreciate
     it per year.
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                MR. ROY:
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                    I had that question last
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     month.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    I must not have been
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     listening.
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                    All right. So we have to
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     have the parking lot on there. Well, let's
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     look at Account 103 and see -- we will take
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     a look at that.
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                    All right. That's my
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     questions on the financials.
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                    Does anybody else have any
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     questions on the financials?
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                     (No response.)
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Thank you, Ms. Heather.
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                    Does somebody want to make a
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     motion and we will go ahead and vote on the
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     financials?
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                MR. BOURGEOIS:
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                    I make a motion we accept the
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     financials.
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                MR. SMITH:
                    I'll second.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    All in favor?
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                    (All "Aye" responses.)
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Anyone opposed?
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                    (No response.)
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                           That motion passes.
                    None.
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                    Legal matters, and, of
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     course, it is listed there in this
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     financial, but on Page 11 all of those
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     claims against the bonds is one of the items
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     on the legal matters.
                              The first one is the
     appeal with Doubletree RV. Mr. Hallack is
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     not here, because we didn't really see the
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     need for him to be here and, again, it is
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     just trying to control expenses, not paying
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     for multiple attorneys if we don't need it.
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     They are still doing briefs on Doubletree.
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     It is something that's going to drag on for
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     a while. It is in the court system and
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     there's nothing -- you know how that works,
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     nothing is going to happen real fast on it.
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                   The New York Marine, which is
     the claims against the bond, the last word
     from New York Marine is they overnighted us
     a check. It was supposed to have been here
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     Friday. Of course, it didn't come in.
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     FedEx has already run today. It didn't come
     in today. So Attorney Hallack has been told
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     to go get a default judgment against New
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     York Marine, which is something we have to
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     have in order to enforce collection.
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     have asked Director Parnell this morning to
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     get with the Louisiana Insurance Commission
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     and file any and all applicable complaints
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     against this company and see if we can get
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     some assistance from them in trying to get
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     our money in.
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                   Do you remember the total on
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     that, Derek?
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               MR. PARNELL:
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                    $26,000.
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               MR. ROBINSON:
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almost puts us -- look what that \$26,000

You know, that one item

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- does to our budget based on where we stand
- ² as of today. I mean, that's a tremendous
- sum of money. So we are going to file
- 4 complaints with the Insurance Commission and
- 5 we are going to go for a default -- you have
- to have a default judgment before you can
- try to enforce your judgment and we should
- 8 have that --
- 9 MR. BOURGEOIS:
- They have done it the past?
- Just out of curiosity, I'm wondering in
- these kind of cases, what have y'all done, I
- mean, you and Ron?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- We've never had to sue
- before, the time I was on this Commission
- before.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- They paid the judgments?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- I don't recall having a whole
- lot, but the ones we had were just paid. I
- suspect maybe there are so many in this one
- company --
- MR. BOURGEOIS:

- 1 It might bring them down?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- But they assured Attorney
- Hallack that they were going to overnight a
- 5 check and it would be here prior to today's
- 6 meeting. So we will just pick up the legal
- 7 process and also file complaints against
- this company and see what the Insurance
- 9 Commissioner can do -- offer to help us.
- Moving on, on the agenda,
- 11 Item "D", policy and procedure, Director
- Parnell.
- MR. PARNELL:
- Gentlemen, if you look in
- your packet you will see Policy and
- Procedure #6, dress code. If you look --
- the first document is the one that I
- drafted. It is the one that I want us to
- look at putting in place and I also want you
- to look at the one that is already in place.
- The one that is currently in place is very
- vague. It is not very precise as it relates
- to what is appropriate and what is not
- appropriate in working in this environment.
- One of the things that I would really like

- to do is have this Commission and have all
- of the employees put forth a professional
- image to -- significantly toward the public
- impression of the LUMVC. So if you will,
- let's look at the document that I have on
- 6 top.
- Basically, it's very
- specific. It gives the guidelines, the
- purpose, the positive for the work apparel.
- 10 It is very specific as to what is
- appropriate in the early guidelines. You
- are looking at "A" for males and females. I
- find this necessary in this environment
- because some things are not as they should.
- I don't have the image that I want to convey
- to the public on the day-to-day basis. What
- I have done is -- what I want everyone to
- really look at is being -- dressing in a
- business casual fashion. Denim jeans, I
- will allow -- let's allow it on Fridays
- unless approved otherwise, but not every
- day, nor should I -- nor do I believe we
- should wear tennis shoes during the work
- week. But the field personnel, I want to
- have them dress a little bit different.

- Just because of the nature of their duties,
- denim would be appropriate for them because
- they are dealing with a lot of different
- 4 entities outside in the public.
- 5 Does anyone have any
- questions as it relates to the policy?
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- I like it.
- 9 MR. ROY:
- Is there a reason you are
- bringing this up?
- MR. PARNELL:
- 13 Yes.
- MR. ROY:
- You've had some problems?
- MR. PARNELL:
- Well, it hasn't been a
- problem as of yet, but I do see that the
- image that is conveyed to the public is not
- as professional as it should be coming from
- this Commission. Jeans every day, tennis
- shoes is just really not a professional look
- and it is just not representative of the
- ²⁴ Commission. I believe a business casual
- dress would be appropriate.

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                    The reason why I wanted to
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     put it in this format is because it is very
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     specific because if you are not specific,
     you will have different people trying to get
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     away with doing whatever they can. And I
     believe this is well written. It is very
     specific. It's already lined out exactly
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     what is appropriate and what isn't and you
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     don't have those issues.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Any another questions about
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     the dress code?
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                    (No response.)
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    It's something we need to
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     vote on if we want to implement it. We need
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     the vote of the Commission for Director
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     Parnell to institute this policy.
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                MR. BOURGEOIS:
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                    I make a motion we pass it.
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                MR. TURNER:
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                    I second.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    All in favor?
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Item #2 is the CAVU status

services for that additional year.

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- update. As mentioned in previous Commission
- meetings, we are working closely with a CAVU
- representative, her name is Becky Corey,
- 4 trying to streamline the processes that we
- are currently using and upgrading our
- services that we have been paying for,
- basically. Many of the service changes that
- we are looking into right now, they are not
- 9 charging us for because a lot of it is
- already implemented. It just needs to be
- cleaned up and streamlined.
- One of the main things that
- we are looking at right now is the online
- update, online renewal process upgrade that
- they have out there. What they have done is
- 16 -- we have kind of gone through and told
- them exactly what we want the online system
- to do for us, what we are looking at doing
- with it. They have sat down -- well, they
- actually did a remote with Kim and myself, a
- remote demonstration of what the online
- process can do for us, what it can do. They
- kind of gave us a rough cost estimate about
- what it would cost and that estimate was
- about \$6,300. I thought that was a little

- bit more than I was expecting it to be. I
- thought it would be a little bit more, but
- that's all the better to me.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 5 And that included \$1,300 for
- 6 staff training.
- 7 MR. PARNELL:
- ⁸ Yes.
- 9 MR. ROBINSON:
- The actual cost was about
- \$5,000, \$4,900, something like that.
- MR. PARNELL:
- Yes, \$5,000. Yes, the actual
- cost is \$5,000. The training is \$1,250.
- What that means is, what we would do is,
- prior to -- they say around mid April, what
- they will do is come in and set up a system
- here, one computer here that actually has
- the process on it and each one of you guys -
- or whomever can actually come in, sit down,
- go through it, to see exactly how it is
- going to work out and it is going to benefit
- us. This is something else that Mr.
- Robinson and I were talking about that we
- could possibly move the deadline for our

- renewals having it -- versus January 1,
- having November 1 as a first deadline date,
- 3 and if done online, it would be November 30.
- What that would do is give us an opportunity
- to kind of push more people towards the
- online process because the understanding
- that we both received, Kim and I, is that
- the online process has -- it would really
- ⁹ alleviate much of the paperwork, much of the
- process -- the slow process that we are
- undergoing every year during a renewal
- season. Now, granted, it's not going to be
- 60 percent the first two years possibly, but
- I would love it to be that high, but I think
- with time and more people that actually use
- it, they will see that it will benefit them
- to do it that way.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Currently, we mail out
- renewals basically through the end of the
- summer, but you are not late. We don't
- charge as a Commission a late fee unless you
- don't have it in by January 1. Well -- but
- yet it is supposed to be here by November 1.
- MR. PARNELL:

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                    Right.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    So what we have talked about
     is moving that late fee up to after November
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     1, but allow -- if you want to do it online,
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     you could go to November 30 --
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               MR. BOURGEOIS:
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                    And use a credit card?
               MR. ROBINSON:
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                    -- and try to move people
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     towards, you know, doing it online.
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                    Well, I quess the other
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     thing, you know, we said in a couple of
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     meetings that after we got through renewals
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     and we got into the first of the year that
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     we were going to look into our issues -- our
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     IT issues and whether there is a better
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     organization out there for us to use other
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     than CAVU. At this point, I think it is the
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     feeling of the folks here in the office that
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     CAVU really will do what it is that we want
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     to do and would save us the cost of the
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     initial purchase, all of the re-training,
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     you know, all of the problems that go along
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     with new software that -- you know, Derek
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has had a lot of discussions with CAVU and
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- we feel like we can make it work and other
- 3 State agencies that use it, they do make it
- work, and that we would rather just to try
- to move forward with CAVU than try to switch
- to another software company at this time.
- Now, we have not done an
- in-depth study, you know, but we know where
- our problems are and when Derek sits down
- and talks with them, guess what, they are
- all solvable. So that's kind of the feeling
- of the staff, right, we would like to just
- stay with CAVU?
- MR. PARNELL:
- Yes.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Like we could have been doing
- this online years ago. It's not like it was
- available.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- We finally have a Director
- that knows how to use a computer.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, I think, you know, ask
- 25 the right questions. I think that's more --

- and trying to push the envelope to move us,
- you know, further along than kind of operate
- like we have year after year after year. So
- at this point we are not going to do --
- unless y'all feel differently, we are not
- ⁶ going to bring a bunch of vendors in and
- look at competitive software and cost of it,
- but try to make it work and we really
- believe we can make it work with CAVU if
- that's okay with all of Commissioners.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- We don't need a motion then?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- No.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- It is just an expense?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Y'all are okay with that, I'm
- 19 hoping.
- 20 (Affirmative responses.)
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, you know, just the
- initial expense to buy a new software
- package is a lot of money, and then all of
- the aggravation of trying to train and learn

- 1 how to use it.
- We need to have the
- demonstrations set up, so it is here when we
- are in a meeting. And I think the
- 5 appropriate thing would be just let's get a
- laptop in here and during the meeting, let's
- show the Commissioners how it works, not
- make them have to come in at some other
- ⁹ time, but let's do it as a presentation.
- You know, let's see if CAVU can have it
- ready for us to look at next month.
- MR. TURNER:
- They might be able to e-mail
- us a link or something for a demonstration.
- MR. PARNELL:
- Yes.
- MR. TURNER:
- We could look at it in our
- office.
- MR. PARNELL:
- That's kind of -- that's
- similar to what we did actually when they
- gave us the demonstration.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- My concern is, it's not so

- cumbersome that the average car dealer is
- going to go to it and say, you know, too
- 3 complicated. It has to be a process that's
- 4 pretty user friendly and not going to
- ⁵ require a whole lot of work. But, I mean,
- we need to move everybody to online
- 7 registration and that is in our legislative
- 8 cleanup, but currently we can't even offer
- it, but that's going to come up later in the
- meeting.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Derek, let me ask you
- something. We are doing the same thing at
- my companies right now. Can -- at the same
- time, I guess Keith Horton is going to be
- interactive in making a lot of the change?
- MR. PARNELL:
- 18 Yes.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Do all of your machines have
- enough RAM to handle all of this?
- MR. PARNELL:
- The machines have enough RAM,
- yes. They are a little slow because those
- particular machines are not -- they are not

- the lowest grade, but they are like a step
- above the lowest grade. So they do have
- enough RAM to actually do this process, but
- 4 they are just a little slow.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 6 And basically all of your
- ⁷ employees are going to be online trained?
- MR. PARNELL:
- 9 Yes.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Let me ask you this at the
- same time. Can he go in and set up several
- dates where you put your job descriptions on
- their and you can put their training courses
- and you can put all of the policies and that
- sort of thing and go a completely internal
- server base?
- MR. PARNELL:
- Yes.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- As long as it is a small
- cost, it is a huge return.
- MR. PARNELL:
- Yes. Okay. I haven't talked
- to him about that, but I definitely will.

MR. DUPLESSIS:

I think you have, what, three

servers here or something? I mean, you have

enough server capacity to serve the southern

half of the United States.

MR. PARNELL:

I will speak to him about

8 that.

Moving forward, #3, fleet car status. If you noticed when you guys came in today that we were able to -- they had a lot more parking spaces out front. We were able to get six vehicles to the Louisiana -- the purchasing agency. They weren't able to put them in the auction as of yet, but they are going to give me an update on exactly when that is going to take place.

when that is going to take place.

Number four, GPS status

update. Mr. Nick Larusso, he is the
salesman representative for Acadian and I
believe He is the one that came in and did a
presentation as it relates to the GPS. I
know a couple of meetings ago we spoke to -we were asking him about what is going on,
what was the status of that. They are just

- now in the process of getting the contract
- with the State. So they are not going to
- really be able to move forward until it
- actually hits the open bid which is April 1.
- 5 Field investigator
- 6 complaints, this is something that Mr.
- 7 Robinson asked me to add to --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 9 While you are on GPS, let's
- 10 -- because it is very similar. Let's talk
- to them about it. We made some changes in
- our cell phone usage, too. Let's go ahead
- and cover that.
- MR. PARNELL:
- What we did, every one of our
- field investigators, they just had very
- plain Razor flip phones. They didn't have
- Internet access and the phones weren't
- really working as well as they should. They
- were breaking quite a bit. What we did was
- went in and did some research, looked at how
- much we were paying our phone services for
- the four field investigators. What we are
- doing, we are paying for their phone
- service. None of them had unlimited

- minutes. Some of them only had 450 minutes.
- So every month they were using 1100 to 1200
- 3 minutes. Now, this is -- specifically I'm
- talking about one individual who is pretty
- new, so she didn't have the rollover as some
- of the other ones did. We were always
- paying the Internet service at home so that
- they can actually do their work.
- What we have gone in and are
- doing now, we went ahead and looked at four
- Blackberries, which we have already
- purchased. I moved a little late, I was
- like two days late on actually getting them
- free, but I did get them for \$49.99 each.
- What we did with that, we got their extended
- data plan on those phones where it is
- unlimited minutes. Number two, what they
- can do is -- I actually added the tethering
- 19 feature. I don't know if you want to know
- what that is. Tethering is basically when
- you use your Blackberry phone as your modem.
- They can actually take -- now take their
- laptop with them. They plug their phones
- into their laptop and it will actually be
- their modem. So it is basically the same

- thing as having an air card, but it is a
- 2 little bit more -- it is a little bit better
- because it is on a 3G network versus a WiFi
- 4 network. So now our field investigators
- will have the ability actually use their
- laptops in the vehicle with them because of
- ⁷ the 3G network, as I was just saying, is a
- 8 little bit more vast coverage versus the
- ⁹ WiFi network. So that was the direction we
- 10 went --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- In the past they had to call
- in. If they were at a dealer and they
- wanted to know if a salesman was licensed,
- they had to call the office. That's how old
- fashion we have operated.
- MR. PARNELL:
- And actually having each one
- with that, the cost was -- it was ranging
- anywhere from \$600 to \$1,100 per month just
- for the phone data -- just for their phone
- service and their Internet service. Going
- in with this plan, it is going to be a
- consistent -- it is about \$550 per month now
- with unlimited limits, Internet access on

- the phones and with the tethering
- ² capability. So it is much more cost
- ³ effective. They are going to get more out
- of doing things now than they have ever been
- 5 able to do before. So that was a direction
- that I really believe is going to assist
- them a great deal. Now, some of them just
- have to get used to using the phones, but --
- 9 MR. ROBINSON:
- Yes, we may be able to go in
- and cancel some of the Internet we have been
- paying for the investigators which will be
- another savings.
- MR. PARNELL:
- Yes.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- But we are not certain -- we
- are having a little trouble with one of
- them, but we are hoping that we have more
- and more savings when it is all said and
- done. So -- and that's a major change, too.
- Then, to Item #5, the
- complaints.
- MR. PARNELL:
- Item #5, the activity period

- of February 1 through February 28, 2010,
- totally assigned cases was 58. Total
- completed cases was 16. The total open
- 4 cases right now is 42. The total percentage
- 5 completed is at about 28 percent right now.
- These cases -- as we know, these cases are
- ongoing. So as they are able to close them
- out, then these numbers will change for the
- 9 month.
- Do you have any --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- This report kind of fell
- through the cracks and we are going to start
- doing it again every month, just let the
- Commissioners see how many complaints that
- we do get, so you kind of have a feel for
- what's going out on with the investigator
- staff. Of course, they do a lot more than
- complaints and a lot of people, they don't
- file a complaint, they just call for help,
- and the investigators work all of those. We
- don't require an actual complaint. If a
- consumer calls a field investigator and
- says, you know, "I'm just having trouble
- getting my title," that field investigator

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     will get in touch with that dealer and he
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     gets the title and everybody is happy.
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     we track that but it is not -- technically,
     it is not a complaint. But we are going to
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     start again giving this report every month,
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     so you kind of have a feel for what's going
 7
     on and you know how many complaints we are
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     receiving. And, again, to show you how we
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     have changed as a Commission -- was it 58?
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                MR. PARNELL:
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                    58, yes.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Twelve or 15 were from one
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     dealer?
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               MR. PARNELL:
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                    Twelve, yes.
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               MR. ROBINSON:
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                    And we have already been in
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     to that dealer and in the past we wouldn't
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     have done that, but we have already gone in.
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     The field investigator has already gone in
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     looking at what other problems might be
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             This particular dealer was 12
     there.
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     complaints non-delivery of title and that's
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     a red flag that there might be something
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- 1 wrong. Well, in the past, to my knowledge, we just -- that was it, we worked on those 12 complaints. But in today's world with this Commission, we went in and we are looking at seeing what else could be a 6 potential problem there. So it is just another way that we are trying to advance 8 how we operate as a State agency. MR. BOURGEOIS: 10 When they have that many 11 complaints, is somebody going under and they 12 just --13 MR. PARNETT:
- 14 Well, this particular
- 15 gentleman, he didn't -- as he states, he
- 16 didn't understand the full process -- the
- 17 titling process or the temp tag process.
- 18 we sent the investigator out to actually do
- 19 an audit of him.
- 20 MR. BOURGEOIS:
- 21 It was a salesman or a
- 22 dealer?
- 23 MR. PARNELL:
- 24 It was a dealer.
- 25 MR. DUPLESSIS:

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                    We can't ask a bunch more if
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     we are ever going to hear this case.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
                    It is just -- we point that
     out because, you know, my goal is to be more
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     proactive. I think we are all raised where
     there is smoke, there may be fire. And it
     is just -- I point it out because I wanted
     you to know that we are doing what we had
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     talked about. We are being more proactive
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     when we think there might be a situation.
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     So, I mean, we owe that to the consumers.
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     We owe that to the State. We owe it to our
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     industry. You know, none of us that are
15
     licensed UD dealers want some of these
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     deplorable problems we have had with dealers
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     over the years.
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                    Does that conclude your
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     report?
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                MR. PARNELL:
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                    It does, yes.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Any questions to Director
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     Parnell on any of that that he has
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presented?

- 1 (No response.)
- MR. ROBINSON:
- All right. What -- kind of
- the meat of the meeting today is the
- 5 committee report, Item #6, and we will start
- with "A", the fee increase, and we will turn
- ⁷ this over to Mr. Ron.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- We have got it in two parts
- in your packet, the fee increase, and then
- the rest of the proposed legislation which
- has some other off fees on it. Sheri worked
- over the weekend, I think, to complete most
- of this package. Basically, the fee bill is
- just real simple.
- I will let you explain it,
- 17 Sheri.
- MS. MORRIS:
- Basically, you all wanted to
- add \$100 to the license fee and that's what
- I have done, but in going through it, your
- law has been in several chapters, and then,
- you know, certain vehicles were taken out
- and the language and is not consistent
- throughout. So I tried to do a little bit

- of correction as I was going through. And
- Derek actually noticed that rental dealers
- were not in -- we didn't have a license fee
- for rental dealers only. So we have added
- that in Subsection "A". Item 5 is rental
- dealer is defined under this title because
- there are other rentals that are licensed by
- 8 this Commission.
- 9 MR. ROBINSON:
- Not rent-to-own but rental
- dealers.
- MS. MORRIS:
- The only type that's in the
- law is rent-to-own.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- So when you say rental
- dealers, you are referring to rent-to-own
- dealers?
- MS. MORRIS:
- Yes. They are -- in the
- definition, it is applying to a rental
- dealer. And I would guess that that's what
- is printed on your license, but the law --
- the title of the section is rent-to-own, but
- the definition of a rental dealer is someone

that UD, and then we broke all of the

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- license types out with the motorcycles and
- ² ATVs, the RVs and all of that. When they
- broke all of that out, they also broke out
- rent with the option and daily rentals.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 6 So daily rentals through a UD
- license, is that what we are talking about?
- MS. BARON:
- 9 UD.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Enterprise rentals?
- MS. BARON:
- No. This is a UD dealer that
- also has a daily rental license.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- A daily rental, that is a UD
- 17 license?
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Rent a wreck would be a good
- example.
- MS. BARON:
- Yes.
- MS. MORRIS:
- Well, under 793, rental
- dealer -- it's 793A5, rental dealer means a

- person who regularly provides used motor
- vehicles under a vehicle rent with option to
- purchase agreement, and I don't recall
- 4 coming across a daily rental in the statute.
- I was just trying to address the
- ent-to-own.
- ⁷ MR. ROBINSON:
- I didn't know that we had
- ⁹ anything on daily rentals.
- MS. BARON:
- We have an RD license and a
- DR license.
- MS. MORRIS:
- I don't know where that is in
- the statute.
- MS. BARON:
- I don't know.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Do we have anybody licensed
- under that title?
- MS. BARON:
- Yes.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 24 We do.
- MS. MORRIS:

- We have -- it seems that we
- have some things that are in rules that are
- not in the law. We've got a lot of
- 4 disconnect.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, let's move forward but,
- Derek, make a note we need to follow upon
- 8 that.
- MS. MORRIS:
- That's why I added Section 5,
- rental dealer, as defined in 793A5 because
- there are other types of rental dealers not
- regulated by this Commission. And it would
- not be a change to what is being charged
- except for the increase. They are right now
- purchasing a separate license.
- 784, going on to the bottom,
- this is the off premise permit that we
- talked about in your law. Currently, it
- provides for an off premise permit, but
- there was no fee for an off premise permit
- 22 and this is something Mr. Duplessis and I
- talked about, but it is a policy decision of
- the Board whether this is the fee you want
- to go with. It was for -- you could display

- up to three vehicles for up to three days
- for \$35 a day or up to five vehicles for up
- to three days for \$50 per day, but it's
- 4 strictly up to you what you would want to
- ⁵ charge or what you think is appropriate. We
- just put something for your consideration.
- ⁷ And then you could not get more than three
- off premises permits within one calendar
- year. So you will be limited to three off
- site displays.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, I guess the guestion to
- the Commissioners is do you want to limit it
- to five vehicles or if the guy wants to buy
- an off site permit, should we allow him to
- have more than five vehicles?
- MS. MORRIS:
- It depends on, I guess, on
- what the practice is.
- MR. TURNER:
- How much are you talking
- 22 about charging?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- What I just said, let
- everybody find it and get on the same page

- and we will go back to it, and then we will
- get to you in just a second.
- MS. BARON:
- The copier didn't pull the
- 5 page through.
- Does everybody have that
- ⁷ page?
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- I think we are missing a page
- here.
- MS. MORRIS:
- 12 It is Page 1 of 2 starting at
- 13 Line 19.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- We are going to make a copy
- of it.
- While we do that, Mr. Wright,
- what do you want to say?
- MR. WRIGHT:
- You are limiting it to three
- off site permits per calendar year?
- MS. MORRIS:
- That was our starting point.
- It could be any number.
- MR. WRIGHT:

- 1 You need to consider that, 2 because the Lamar-Dixon Center going on, 3 they had a national barbecue competition last weekend and they have got something this weekend and, you know, if the people 6 that get the permits act the way they should 7 act, why not sell them one for every weekend 8 if they want it? MR. ROBINSON: 10 Well, we don't want to 11 circumvent having to have a secondary 12 location. 13 MR. WRIGHT: 14 I agree, but it is all 15 special events. 16 MR. ROBINSON:
- 17 Right. But at the same time, 18 I wouldn't personally be in favor of just an 19 open ended where you could do every weekend 20 and basically have a secondary location. 21 don't know if three is the number. I don't 22 know that five vehicles is the number. 23 are going to -- let's get this page and we 24 will discuss all of that as a Commission.

MR. DUPLESSIS:

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- Yes, the question is do you
- want to do a tent sale? You know, that's
- kind of traditionally a new car dealer thing
- or a boat dealer or -- you know, I'm open to
- 5 however you want to write the legislation,
- but we have curbstoning legislation that we
- ⁷ are trying to prevent this.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- ⁹ I understand.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- And so that's the balance.
- We just threw something out there and I'm
- all ears as to what --
- MR. WRIGHT:
- I understand. But, I mean,
- look at the New Car. When LSU football is
- here, they advise, what, 10 weeks in a row?
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Well, they do, and I think
- there is a slight difference.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- Well, I don't disagree with
- that, but it's not a major differences.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- I'm not going to argue with

- you, but if you ever saw what LSU charged to
- display at one game, you would see there is
- 3 __
- MR. WRIGHT:
- ⁵ We are talking about big boys
- and little boys.
- 7 MR. DUPLESSIS:
- And I'm not opposed to
- 9 anything that the Commission thinks is --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- What is the policy with New
- 12 Car, do you know? Do you know the limit of
- how many off site?
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 15 It is a group of people that
- come together that falls under a different
- policy because of trade areas. Just like
- boat shows, it would fall under boat show
- dealer. With used cars, you don't have any
- protected areas because of free enterprise.
- So you could do -- in certain venues you can
- do an unlimited amount, but not for sale.
- Like the malls, you can display at the mall.
- You can display at the airport, but you
- can't have an act of sale in the show. In

- fact, you can't have an actual sale in show
- or an act of sale unless it is a tent sale.
- 3 It is a special requirement.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 5 So as you have written this,
- this is display only and not sale?
- 7 MR. DUPLESSIS:
- You know, it is display only
- but we are open to whatever the Commission
- wants to do.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- I think that is a significant
- difference, too, if it is display only or if
- we are going to allow them to sell from the
- display. I think that makes a tremendous
- difference on how many permits that maybe
- you should be able to obtain over the course
- of a year. If you are just displaying, I
- can see the opportunity to have a lot more
- off site displays, because then obviously
- you are not getting into a secondary --
- 22 almost a permanent secondary location.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- Selling, yes.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:

Because then you have a 1 2 conflict with your curbstoning law and curbstoning is an act of sale off the main 3 premises, and then you have got to do the contract and that sort of thing. So when I 5 looked at it, I just kind of reflected on my experience that a lot of the lenders force you to be either on your premises or have a 8 9 special permit by which you are there. 10 have a tent sale in Lafayette which is 11 pretty much a known tent sale for new car dealers that don't do one in New Orleans or 12 13 Baton Rouge, but the finance companies are there to perfect the act of sale at that 14 15 So, you know, consider your curbstoning law versus selling. Now, you 16 17 are going to get into --18 MR. WRIGHT: 19 I agree. I don't think that 20 selling off site would be the best thing. 21 mean -- and if you, quote/unquote, have 22 sales people that are worth their salt, they 23 can take deposits or work them on a Monday. 24 MR. DUPLESSIS: 25 They can bring them back to

- the main location and they can perfect the
- ² sale.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- They will be able to take
- deposits, right?
- 6 MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 7 I'm not writing legislation
- about that. You know, the question is then
- you get into the definition of an act of
- 10 sale.
- MR. TURNER:
- If you take a deposit, that's
- 13 a sale.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- Why is that a sale? If you
- can't arrange financing, it has to be
- refunded.
- MS. MORRIS:
- A conditional sale.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- It is a conditional sale.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- I think this is the first
- issue we need to decide is it the intent of
- the Commission to allow them to do off site

- displays or is it the intent of the
- ² Commission to let them do off site sales?
- ³ And I think we need to first decide that.
- Then, we can talk about frequency and the
- ⁵ number of vehicles.
- So do we want to -- are we
- doing this to allow them to do an off site
- display where they can try to show their
- ⁹ product, develop their name out in the
- community or do we want to let them have an
- opportunity to sell off site?
- MR. TURNER:
- Well, my opinion being a used
- car dealer, I don't see why they would do
- this, but \$35 a car per day, I don't know
- why I would do it unless --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- It would be \$105 --
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- No. It is \$35 for three
- cars, or \$50 for five, up to five, and I
- can't see displaying much more than five
- with, you know, an act of sale.
- MR. TURNER:
- Well, you know, I'm in one

- part of the New Orleans area. If I wanted
- to hit the other side of town and made a
- deal with somebody who owns some property to
- display the cars there, it wouldn't make a
- lot of sense to pay -- have five cars there
- and have a salesman there all day.

MR. ROBINSON:

- Well, you wouldn't have a
- salesmen there necessarily if it was --
- MR. TURNER:

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- Well, if you are talking
- about selling from that location or from
- that display, how would you sell your --
- if you just put the cars there, you would
- just be displaying. You wouldn't be --
- there would be no selling going on. There
- would be nobody there to sell the cars.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, you display your
- product, your name, you would have banners,
- signage, you know, and you could have a
- salesman there, I guess strictly to get
- names and phone numbers and try to work them
- back at dealership.
- MR. TURNER:

- I think for it to be
- feasible. You would have to do a big
- promotion. You are talking about signs,
- banners. That all costs money and it all
- 5 has to be approved by whoever -- whatever
- parish you are in and there is a lien law.
- ⁷ There are strict laws on that stuff, too.
- 8 So it would be expensive to do and I don't
- ⁹ know that it would be worthwhile. I don't
- think I would do it, but that's just my
- opinion, you know.

MR. DUPLESSIS:

- I think the concept was if
- vou did have a Lamar-Dixon, which is in my
- neighborhood, and you had a rodeo or you had
- 16 -- you were dealing in high end vehicles, it
- would be too cramped. I could go there and
- see. If you were dealing with BMWs,
- 19 Mercedes, like Import One, you know, you
- might want to go and display your vehicles
- at an event to show your wares, and trust
- would be an appropriate thing at maybe the
- lawn and garden show or the rodeo or
- something of that nature. So that -- when
- Butch approached me on the off premises, I

- didn't see a problem with it. I do think
- that you are going to run into -- if it is
- not an event, you are going to legalize
- 4 curbstoning for a fee. They are going to
- 5 show up in the Wal-Mart parking lot.
- 6 MR. WRIGHT:
- ⁷ I agree.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 9 So the legislation has to
- maintain the integrity of the dealer, the
- dealer body and the rest of the State laws.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- I agree. You are absolutely
- 14 correct.
- MR. ROY:
- Suppose they put this next to
- a competitor, would that cause problems
- 18 also?
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- You know, I think it would
- aggravate the fire out of the competitor if
- ²² you --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- If you keep it to an event --
- MR. DUPLESSIS:

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                    It has to be an event.
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               MR.
                   ROBINSON:
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                    -- I mean, you have to --
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     what I see in my area is, within 35 miles we
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     have three universities, and all three of
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     those universities have football games, and
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     what I envisioned when we started talking
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     about this is a local used car dealer
     setting half a dozen vehicles outside in
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     front of the football stadium, they draw,
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     you know, eight or ten thousand -- we don't
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     get big numbers, but it's the biggest crowd
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     we get as a community and you would have
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     your five or six units out there displayed
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     with your signage. It really is a way to
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     develop your name ID and let people see, oh,
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     they've got late model diesel trucks, you
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     know, that the consumer wouldn't be aware of
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     possibly. That's -- and then if you happen
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     to be a UD dealer next to that university,
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     yes, there might a problem, but that's -- if
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     you keep it with an event, I don't think
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     that will be too much of a problem. I do
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     think there should be something in there
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     about mileage. I think we shouldn't let the
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- quy in Monroe go to Shreveport. I do think
- there should be some kind of radius where
- the Baton Rouge people can't come up to
- 4 Monroe. I think it should be within so many
- ⁵ miles of your dealership.
- 6 MR. WRIGHT:
- 7 T don't think it would be
- ⁸ advantageous for a person to go to Monroe
- from here, you know.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, you just never know.
- I mean, you know --
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Well, let me say this, we
- don't see a lot of this activity down here,
- but if you are in Houston, if you are a
- muscle car dealer and you deal in retro and
- you have a car show and it is in Conroe, I
- think those guys who have got the four or
- five cars in a heartbeat and go to Conroe to
- address the muscle car show and hot rod
- show. But we don't see a lot of that, but
- there are specifics and everybody complained
- that, hey, the motorcycle dealers can hold a
- tent sale, the boat dealers can hold a tent

- sale and the new car dealers can hold a tent
- sale. The used car dealers have to stay at
- home. Well, you know, we have got to write
- something that works for them if we think it
- is a valid deal without getting into
- legalized curbstoning, the whole issue, and
- ⁷ we have got to have a fee.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 9 Well, I can see these
- national dealers, used car dealers, I mean,
- showing up in anybody's community. They
- might have a license in Shreveport. Yes, I
- absolutely can see them at the Grambling
- University football game.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 16 Carmax, it goes on.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Absolutely.
- So I think we ought to have
- something in there on you can do an event up
- to so many miles from your dealership. I'm
- not talking five or eight, but --
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- Thirty, 20 or 30.
- MR. ROBINSON:

- Thirty, 40 miles, something
- like that, you know. I know the local guys,
- I think, dealers would all be in favor of
- it. In other words, let me have my
- 5 community, you have your community, your
- 6 events in your community.
- But back to the -- I think
- the first decision we have to make is the
- going to be for displays, which would be
- product, banners, things of that nature, are
- we going to let them sell at these locations
- and if we allow them to sell, you know, how
- many more problems are we going to be
- exposed to.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Butch, you are the guy.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- Well, I mean, I agree. You
- can't put a stamp of good housekeeping on
- curbstoning and that's what you would almost
- be doing. So display would have to be it.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- I have seen new car dealers
- that actually calculate the fines into their
- advertising budget and it's sad, but they

- say, "Well, you know, I get fined \$150 or
- \$200, that's a half of a quarter of a spot,
- ³ I might as well get completely over the edge
- and pay the fine and call it even." I mean,
- that's not good legislation. That's
- ⁶ probably pretty good bookkeeping, but I
- don't think it betters the industry.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 9 So what is the favor of the
- 10 Commission, do y'all want to start with
- where you can do displays and have an
- employee there strictly, you know, as an
- informal -- to talk about the product and
- work for leads or do we want to allow them
- to sell?
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- Within 30 miles, I would say
- no sale.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Just display only, you think
- display. And you are a dealer.
- MR. TURNER:
- I agree with that.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- We will start there.

Page 70 1 MR. ROBINSON: 2 Start with display. 3 MR. BOURGEOIS: Thirty miles? 5 MR. DUPLESSIS: 6 Twenty-five, 30 miles is 7 fine. 8 MR. ROBINSON: 9 Well, I'm going to add just a bit to it because I look at my area. 10 11 would say 35 miles. 12 MS. MORRIS: 13 Would it be okay to say 14 within the parish in which your --15 MR. ROBINSON: 16 No. For some of these 17 dealers, that could be a mile. 18 MR. DUPLESSIS: 19 It needs to be by permit, 20 pre-approved. You need to write in some 21 time lines of the application. They can't 22 apply that day and send in the money. 23 have to send an application with a minimum 24 threshold of so many days in advance with 25 approval by the Commission.

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                MR. BOURGEOIS:
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                     How long?
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                MR. DUPLESSIS:
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                     Seven to 10 days, something
     like that.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                     Ten days, 35 miles.
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                     All right. Then, how many
     units are we going let them have?
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                MR. BOURGEOIS:
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                     I would say five.
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                MR. DUPLESSIS:
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                     Maximum of five.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                     I would rather just have one
     set of numbers and one fee, personally.
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                MR. DUPLESSIS:
                     A maximum of five, $50 a day.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                     What do you think of that?
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                MR. WRIGHT:
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                     I didn't hear.
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                MR. DUPLESSIS:
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                     Maximum five units, $50 a
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     day.
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license per event? Are we going to -- let's

say three dealers want to do the boat show,

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- are we going to allow that to happen,
- because, you know, we are going to deal with
- 3 that?
- 4 MR. BOURGEOIS:
- 5 I don't think we can restrict
- 6 that.
- 7 MR. DUPLESSIS:
- I just want to crawl under
- ⁹ the table right now. This is a complicated
- one. I think if you restrict it to one man,
- you are just going to get fireworks like you
- just can't imagine.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- 14 That's showing favoritism.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- You know, the early bird gets
- the worm and whoever, you know, gets in
- first is the favorite child. I don't think
- 19 that that --
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- I think the event can
- control. They might say we are going to
- take one dealer and it is the biggest
- sponsor because they have got to pay them
- something, too.

MR. ROBINSON:

- I only bring it up because
- you know it's going to come up.
- 4 MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Then, you can call it a tent
- show and you can do legislation for that.
- 7 MR. ROBINSON:
- What if the dealer that gets
- ⁹ the permit and gets there and finds out
- there's another dealer there and we are
- going to deal with that. I don't think
- there is any doubt.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- T would think the event needs
- to tell them that's it not a --
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 17 It's going to be event
- controlled.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- I don't disagree. I just
- vanted --
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- The Jazz Festival last year
- had a big -- I don't know if it was Toyota,
- or somebody, they give a whole lot of money

- to the Jazz Festival in New Orleans. They
- had a major display. I heard they give
- 3 \$100,000. I don't know if it was Toyota or
- who.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- That was for the fee, and
- then they paid their little small permit to
- 8 the State and they had to fill out the
- 9 application and all of the Toyota dealers
- agreed and in this case, you know, you don't
- have that cohesion with the -- they are not
- a franchise, so you don't have that.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- So that's manufacturer
- support is the problem.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 17 It was a group, manufacturer
- and group dealer.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- So we are all on the same
- page then. We are going up to five cars,
- \$50 a day, up to 35 miles from the dealer's
- physical address. What was that number of
- hours, 72 hours, up to --
- MS. MORRIS:

three different locations?

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                THE BOURGEOIS:
                    I don't see why we need to
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     restrict the events, though, unless there is
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     something that y'all see that I don't see.
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               MR. DUPLESSIS:
                    Basically, I didn't want to
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     see it get out of control. You know with a
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     new law like this, you are going to see some
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     guys start to pencil their ad budget and
     their opportunity to be very aggressive.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    I want to assist the dealers
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     to get their product out, develop their name
     ID, but I don't want to allow them to have a
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     second operation to where the bigger
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     dealers, this is just part of how they
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     operate. Every weekend they are off site
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     doing something.
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                MR. DUPLESSIS:
                    Create turf wars, and then
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     our job gets --
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                MR. BOURGEOIS:
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                    Is there a way for them to do
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     that.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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- Depending on what the event
- would charge. You know, these events are
- going to want money, too.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- A lot more than what we want.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Yes, a lot more than what we
- want. So I do think its incumbersome that
- ⁹ we do have a maximum per year.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- 11 Three is what you said.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- I think we need more.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- You Four in one a quarter
- would be fair. You know, what I don't want
- to see is -- we have the Commission running
- pretty smooth and we can get out of here by
- noon if we start -- you know, this might be
- our new RV or marine war and we are holding
- hearings every week on this trying to do the
- dealers a favor. I think you start
- conservative and you can up it or you can
- lower it, but I don't think you open the
- flood gates.

1 MR. ROBINSON: 2 Is there a way to write it 3 where we can just do rules and regs, say, because that's what we need to do? 5 MS. MORRIS: 6 We could. You know, the 7 seven -- the application, seven to 10 days prior, you could really handle that in a You could really handle the maximum rule. 10 number by rule. We could just say -- what 11 we do have to have in the bill is the fee. 12 So if you all are good with \$50 and you think that that offsets whatever cost it is 13 to process these things, then that's what 14 15 has to be in the bill. The rest really can 16 be regulated by rule. 17 MR. ROBINSON: 18 That's what I was thinking. 19 We will deal with that stuff later. 20 Butch, would you disagree 21 that there does need to be a number? And 22 three or five I don't think near is enough, 23 that at some point --24 MR. WRIGHT: 25 I think there needs to be one

1 rule. 2 MR. ROBINSON: 3 Well, and then the big 4 dealers -- you know, again we don't want to 5 open the door for the big nationwide independent that has a multi million dollar 6 7 ad budget to come in and as -- really compete with the local dealers in a particular area, because he's got all of the money to do it with. I think it has to be 10 11 capped at so many a year. But we will do 12 that in rules and regs when we get this 13 thing passed. 14 MR. DUPLESSIS: 15 Is the fee too low? 16 know, I threw the fee out because everybody 17 is so fee sensitive and the State shouldn't 18 encumber business, but yet there should be a 19 fee that there is an investigation and that 20 sort of thing. 21 MR. BOURGEOIS: 22 Yes, to cover it. 23 MR. DUPLESSIS:

just threw it out there, so y'all

Yes.

I think \$50 might be

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low. I

will bite on it.

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- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- \$50 and you know most of them
- 4 are going to have it. For ball games and
- 5 shows, a lot of events are several days. So
- you are probably going to get \$150 for a lot
- of them. So I think it's enough.

MR. ROBINSON:

- I think most everything would
- be a one day or two day permit. I think we
- are looking at \$50 or \$100. Occasionally,
- we have a three day show. Of course, I'm in
- a small market. I'm not in the bigger
- markets, but it is very rare for us to have
- a three day or -- other than the fair,
- that's about the only thing I know that is
- three days long.

MS. MORRIS:

- You might want to consider
- just having a flat fee. One of the other
- 21 agencies I represent does have a temporary
- permit for shows. It is a flat fee for the
- maximum amount of days. It might be easier
- administratively and to program not have
- some that are \$50 and some that are \$100 and

three days -- anything else on the fee

- increase bill?
- Ms. Morris, anything else
- 3 that you have?
 - MS. MORRIS:
- on 791 on Line 40, the word
- "three" should have been underlined. So if
- you want to correct that on your copy, and
- that's just going from the \$200 to the \$300
- 9 and you will see again we added the rental
- dealer in there because they weren't listed
- in that portion of the statute. And then we
- are going from -- on the next page, Page
- 802, that's the part that deals with
- recyclers, dismantlers and parts recyclers
- and car shows. We are also changing their
- 16 fee from \$200 to \$300. And then for each --
- this is another thing that is kind of
- confusing in both of them. For an
- additional place of business, which we
- talked about at a previous meeting, the way
- that the statute was worded, it was hard to
- understand whether you charged that extra
- fee for an additional place of business or
- for an additional license like a duplicate
- license. I didn't know if you had a

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duplicate license fee, but I did both
sections consistently, so that it would have
an additional place of business, it's the
$200 fee. You want to make sure that's what
you all mean. I don't know what you charge
for a duplicate license.

MS. BARON:
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If they request a duplicate

9 license -- like if we mail them their

license and they lose it or whatever, it is

a \$50 fee and that's just -- it's not in the

law. It's a policy and procedure type thing

that they implemented several years back.

MR. ROBINSON:

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Well, it would have to be in

the law to really collect it.

Does it come up often?

MS. BARON:

Yes.

MR. ROBINSON:

It does?

MS. BARON:

Yes.

MS. MORRIS:

And then I would want to add

- the \$50 fee for duplicate license, because
- it looks like it was \$100, but it was really
- ³ unclear.
- 4 MR. ROBINSON:
- I think it should be \$100.
- You lose your license. I mean, we can't do
- it for \$50. We would probably lose revenue
- ⁸ having to redo it all for \$50. I think it
- ought to be \$100, keep up with your license.
- You lose yours?
- MR. CORMIER:
- Never.
- MS. BARON:
- And we send two, because you
- 15 get your original and you get one to carry
- with you to go to the auction or whatever,
- that can be shown at the auction, and we
- have several people that call back and say,
- "I lost my license." "Okay, \$50."
- MR. ROBINSON:
- So put it in there.
- MS. MORRIS:
- I will put \$100 licenses in
- both sections. That's kind of cumbersome.
- You have some licenses in one section and

- some in another. And then another thing if
- we remove that December 31st for the
- ³ expiration date and say that it expires on
- 4 the date indicated on the license to give
- you all latitude to work with adjusting your
- 6 licenses. It does still say you have to
- submit your renewal application 60 days
- prior to the expiration. That's something
- ⁹ that was sort of discussed this morning and
- if we need to adjust that, we can adjust
- 11 that.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Does that have to be in the
- law, the deadline for applications?
- MS. MORRIS:
- It doesn't really. It is in
- there and so it was 60 days prior to
- December 31st. I just put 60 days prior to
- the expiration date. But you have a lot of
- things in your law that could --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, that would still cover
- the November 1st --
- MS. MORRIS:
- Right.

Does any Commissioner have

MR. ROBINSON:

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- anything else on that bill, the fee
- increase? Everybody understands what we --
- MR. SMITH:
- For the ruling, are we
- 5 talking about if you get both of them, you
- ⁶ get a break, the UD and the AD?
- MS. BARON:
- No. It would still be \$200
- ⁹ and \$200. The additional location would be
- if you have two UDs.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Did you usually get a break?
- MS. BARON:
- Years back, yes. Years back
- when they were --
- MR. PARNELL:
- Because I don't have one.
- MS. BARON:
- -- when they were hooked
- together, if you had a UD and an AD, your UD
- was \$200 and your AD was \$100, but then they
- 22 -- when they separated everything out, they
- changed that as well.
- MR. SMITH:
- I have the AD and the UD, I

- might sell three a year.
- MS. BARON:
- You've got to have a UD
- because you have the AD, because you are
- 5 selling those AD cars.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 7 All right. I guess that's
- not something we have been doing. How many
- 9 people would that affect?
- MS. BARON:
- A lot. We have several UDs
- that also have ADs.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 14 That would have to be in the
- law, it's something we can't do with rules
- and regs?
- MS. MORRIS:
- No. You could do it in
- 19 Section 802. In E2 you could provide for
- that \$200 to be for an additional place of
- business or an additional license if you
- have the primary license. If you wanted to
- do that -- I don't know how many people
- would qualify for that and how it would
- 25 affect the revenues.

- MR. ROBINSON:
- You are saying it's a lot and
- they have been paying for two.
- MR. SMITH:
- ⁵ Well, I'm just asking because
- I know that when it goes through, they are
- 7 going to be dogging me.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- ⁹ We will leave it like it has
- been then.
- All right. Next the
- projection report, which has to do with what
- our revenue stream would look like if we are
- able to get this fee increase through, and
- that's contract CPA.
- Mr. Roy Hebert, if you would,
- please.
- MR. HEBERT:
- Yes, sir.
- This is version two, if you
- will. If you remember version one at the
- last Commission meeting, we left out on
- purpose any capital outlay or major repair
- items so that we would have a chance to look
- at the numbers without those prior to making

- decisions about those, and I think that
- Derek and Glen have talked back and forth
- and -- to make suggestions about where we
- would need to spend additional funds in
- terms of capital outlay and also one change
- 6 -- well, actually two changes in the
- personnel area. As Ms. Morris pointed out
- at the last Commission meeting, I had
- 9 increased salaries based on national
- averages for governmental entities.
- Whereas, we have, at least right now, merit
- pay increases of four percent per year in
- the State of Louisiana. So for classified
- 14 Civil Service employees, so I have adjusted
- the increase from 3.167 percent per year to
- four percent per year for the 10 year
- period.
- Also Derek had indicated that
- we would probably add a staff position in
- the fiscal year June 30, 2014. So you will
- see salaries jump in that year a little more
- than the four percent increase and that was
- at a \$30,000 starting salary. Of course,
- that affects also your retirement, your
- Medicare taxes, your group insurance. All

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of those things go up when you add that one
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- ² additional employee. And that was pretty
- much the change in the personnel area.
- Under capital outlay, the
- ⁵ plan is, as it is included in the
- projections, if they add one new vehicle per
- year starting in fiscal year June '11 at
- state contract prices, which is
- 9 approximately \$17,000 for a full size car.
- so I raised that \$1,000 for each two year
- increment, so that we are adding a \$17,000
- car in June of '11 and \$18,000 in June '13,
- et cetera. Also in June of '11, we included
- \$15,000 for the computer upgrade and adding
- 15 GPS tracking devices. We are guessing at
- those numbers. Computers are relatively
- cheap. The GPS system, we don't have a
- price on, but that's included in there.
- Under major repairs, I think
- 20 Glen and Derek discussed the roof on this
- building. It is fairly old and probably
- will need replacing in the relatively short
- term. So we dropped that in the fiscal year
- ending June '13 at a guesstimated cost of
- ²⁵ \$15,000. Those are the significant changes

- between version one that you got at the last
- ² Commission meeting and version two that you
- 3 are getting today. It still shows us
- 4 positive all the way across, although we are
- 5 getting pretty slim by the time we get to
- ⁶ 2020.

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MR. ROBINSON:

- Well, really we are good
- until 2016, 2017 and then those last three
- years could be positive or negative
- depending on how expensive it actually
- turned out.
- The last page, as last month,
- is the assumptions that Mr. Hebert used to
- calculate. Take a minute and look this
- report over. I think we got this e-mail out
- last Friday. I don't know if you got a
- chance to look at it or not. We are running
- with the absolute minimum staff currently
- and Derek and I just felt like at some point
- we need to factor in that we are probably
- going to need to add an employee. Our fleet
- of vehicles is really in poor shape. I
- suspect our low mile vehicle is probably
- 80,000, 90,000 miles.

- Do we have one under 100,000?
- MR. PARNELL:
- 3 We have two under 100,000.
- We have one at 47,000 which is the Magnum.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- That we are not using.
- 7 MR. BOURGEOIS:
- Why we are not using it, why
- 9 can't we swap it with one that has lot of
- ¹⁰ miles?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- 12 I think our investigators
- like the car they have had all this time.
- MR. PARNELL:
- The ones that they looked at
- 16 -- and they can't stand that vehicle for
- some reason. I don't know.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- They seem to think it is not
- conducive to work, to get in and out of and
- work out of, but I'm sure that was the State
- contract at the time, you know. Well, we
- may ultimately surrender another vehicle or
- even both of those that are out there, but
- right now if something goes out --

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                MR. BOURGEOIS:
                    What a lot of companies are
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     doing is if they have three vehicles, they
 3
     buy one every year and that circulates
 5
     instead of trying to kill the budget in one
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     vear.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
                    Well, that's kind of what we
     are trying to work towards in these new
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     numbers.
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                MR. HEBERT:
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                    The current year budget has
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     two vehicles in it, the 2010 budget.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Right, but we don't
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     anticipate having the funds to do that.
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                MR. BOURGEOIS:
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                    Because of the license fee?
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Just because of the revenue
     -- the drop in revenue, but it is $33,000, I
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     think.
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                MR. HEBERT:
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                    $34,000.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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1 \$34,000 in the current budget 2 to buy vehicles out of, but as of right now 3 they are telling us they still don't have a State contract to purchase a car anyway. 5 You've got to buy an SUV, I quess. We had 6 hoped to buy one this year, but, you know, we are being told there is no contract that we can by a State or a State car under. 9 MR. BOURGEOTS: 10 That's bad. 11 MR. ROBINSON: 12 That's also the big area that 13 we can go into to cover a shortage issue if we have a shortage. We do have \$34,000 14 15 plugged in the budget for two vehicles. 16 MR. BOURGEOIS: 17 That's enough for two vehicles? 19 MR. DUPLESSIS: 20 Can you do an emergency 21 purchase, Derek, and replace them with maybe 22 low mileage used vehicles? I think you can 23 do an emergency purchase. 24 MS. MORRIS: 25 I think that if you are

- talking about a \$17,000, \$18,000 vehicle, I
- don't think you need to follow the purchase
- procedure. You don't need to bid something
- 4 that's \$17,000, \$18,000. I don't know why
- you would need a State contract if you are
- only going to buy one. Now, if you going to
- buy multiple vehicles, you would reach the
- threshold, but if you are only going to buy
- one, you should be able to purchase it.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Purchase it how, go to a
- dealership?
- MS. MORRIS:
- Get three quotes, because it
- is under \$25,000.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- But we can't go to auction --
- you and I have talked about this before. We
- can't as an agency go to an auction and buy
- a pre-owned late model car like a '09
- 21 Impala.
- MS. MORRIS:
- I don't think an agency
- qualifies to participate in an auction, but,
- yes, you can buy a used vehicle. You can't

- buy it from anybody on the Commission, but
- you can --
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 4 You can buy it from
- 5 Enterprise if you want to do something like
- that under the emergency purchase statute.
- 7 That's how they did it in Katrina. They
- 8 couldn't get things approved.
- 9 MS. MORRIS:
- 10 Agencies are allowed to
- purchase new vehicles. They just -- you
- know, they don't qualify to participate in
- 13 ___
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, we talked last meeting
- or the one before that in the meeting that I
- would like to go to an auction since we
- regulate them and buy a late model
- pre-owned, because, I mean, right now '09
- Impalas are about \$11,500 with 25,000 miles
- 21 and you were saying we would have to have
- that in the law.
- MS. MORRIS:
- Well, I don't think the
- agency has the ability to go to an auction

- any more than I would have the ability to go
- to an auction because I'm not a dealer.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- So then who could go to the
- 5 auction and purchase one for the agency?
- 6 MS. MORRIS:
- I don't think anybody could,
- but you could go to a used -- you could go
- ⁹ to a dealer and buy a used vehicle. I don't
- think the agency can purchase it from an
- 11 auction without authority to participate in
- an auction.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- Which he would have to get
- 15 from us?
- MS. MORRIS:
- You would have to --
- MR. TURNER:
- You would have to be
- ²⁰ registered.
- MR. SMITH:
- You can find somebody to buy
- ²³ it.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Can we contract with a

- licensed dealer to go to the auction and
- purchase a vehicle for us?
- MS. MORRIS:
- I believe that we could, but
- we would need to check with the Ethics
- 6 Commission to make sure, because we are
- doing business with a licensed --
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- You could send Derek to the
- 10 Enterprise lot and buy one directly from
- 11 Enterprise as a used vehicle.
- MS. MORRIS:
- But they are regulated by us.
- MS. BARON:
- No, they are not regulated by
- ¹⁶ us.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- That would be the simplest
- way to do it.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, we can do that.
- MS. MORRIS:
- You can buy a used vehicle.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- From Enterprise or another

- ¹ national --
- MS. MORRIS:
- 3 Somebody not regulated by
- this Commission. It could be somebody
- ⁵ regulated by the New Car Commission.
- 6 MR. ROBINSON:
- We could just go purchase or
- do we have to do --
- 9 MS. MORRIS:
- No. You would have to
- document it for a purchase under \$25,000 by
- three quotes on a similar product. You have
- to maintain the documentation.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- You can buy it off EBAY, put
- it on PayPal and be done with it.
- Seriously, I mean, that's how we sell them.
- MS. MORRIS:
- As long as you are buying
- one. If you buy two, then you are in the
- ²¹ bid.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- One a year; is that correct?
- MS. MORRIS:
- It would be in the fiscal

- year. So this is the end of the fiscal
- ² year.
- MR. HEBERT:
- You can't avoid the
- 5 application of the bid law.
- 6 MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, something else learned.
- Back to this projection
- 9 report from Mr. Hebert, do any Commissioners
- have any questions about this? It is the
- same thing as far as the process and what we
- 12 are looking at just with what we felt like a
- little more realistic expense added to it.
- 14 All right. That concludes that report.
- And then Item "B" is the
- 16 Legislative Committee.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Back to the legislative
- handout, it was -- the general legislation.
- And, Sheri, I don't know what you changed
- over the weekend. A lot of this is a little
- bit of cleanup stuff and it deals with
- seminars. It deals with revocation and it
- deals with auctions and unlawful acts at an
- auction, and the licensing requirements of

- the fees which we covered in order to make
- us more flexible in doing that. Basically,
- these are the items that we talked about
- throughout the year. I don't think we have
- 5 changed much to the substance of our
- 6 material matters.
- But, Sheri, I don't know what
- you changed over the weekend, but I thought
- ⁹ we had a consensus before that.
- MS. MORRIS:
- Most of this came from a
- draft that Robert had done previously but in
- the definitions, 781, we were trying to
- control curbstoning some and you have this
- presumption in your law, you will see in
- 13AA(i) that a person is presumed to engage
- in the business if they sell five or more
- used motor vehicles within a 12 month
- period. I tried to put some clarifying
- language in there. It is a policy decision
- the Board has to -- whether you want to do
- that. They would have to be vehicles that
- you used or your company used or your family
- members used rather than trying to broker
- vehicles without a broker's license or

- without a dealer's license. So I was trying
- to put a little bit more restriction in that
- presumption, a little bit more, you know,
- detail in that presumption. That may be
- something that you are not interested in,
- but that presumption really doesn't give you
- a whole lot of teeth in your law. I think
- it's probably too high of a number for
- 9 somebody that is not a dealer or a broker to
- be selling in a year's time. That's one
- 11 change.
- 783 was an attempt to address
- an issue that Mr. Duplessis was concerned
- about, about the waiver of warranties and
- redhibition claims.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Hold on. Let's go back to
- the -- Butch has a question.
- Butch, one of the ways that
- we kind of cured this is we found a common
- denominator in curbstoning was not selling
- your daughter's car, because that's kind of
- reimbursement. It's the motivation of
- 24 profit is the key to curbstoning. If there
- 25 is no profit in it, then there is no

- curbstoning.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- A lot of people do exactly as
- I do. I buy a vehicle. When I put "X" many
- ⁵ miles on it, I'm selling it. Now, I pay
- 6 sales tax on it.
- 7 MS. MORRIS:
- You will be able to do that
- ⁹ if you register it in your name and you are
- the insured.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- That is the key. As long as
- the sales tax is paid and it is registered
- to the person that sells it.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Basically, the sales tax is
- qoing to take -- and depreciation is taking
- away most profit potential. So we found
- that the common denominator to kill
- curbstoning was the motivation of profit and
- that was the defining role.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- 10-4, I understand. I've got
- ²⁴ it.
- MS. MORRIS:

- So this requires you
- basically to use the vehicle. You would
- license it in your name and insure it for a
- 4 member of your family or a business that you
- 5 own.
- 6 783 was an attempt to address
- ⁷ the warranty issue of redhibition. There is
- 8 a recent case where the court allowed
- 9 redhibition in the sale of a used car and
- this was to give the dealer some protection.
- Louisiana doesn't have a lemon law that
- applies to used vehicles. A lot of states
- do. That's a much more complicated
- regulatory scheme than I thought you might
- want to get into this year. I think it
- would require some study, because all states
- seem to have different standards for lemon
- laws, but this says that if you disclose
- that it was an "as is" sale with a waiver of
- warranty that there would be no claim by the
- consumer against the dealer for reduction in
- the purchase price, return of the purchase
- price or repairs without cost.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Isn't that in the law now?

MR. DUPLESSIS:

- It is not. In fact, the
- federal law -- this is one of these areas
- Where the federal law and the state law
- 5 actually are in conflict and the dealer
- of unwittingly is putting the "as is" federal
- 7 warranty on the window of the car in
- 8 complying with federal law. The only
- 9 problem is, it doesn't hold water in state
- court. So he's trying to do the right
- thing. So what this does is this brings a
- provision of redhibition that would follow
- the federal law. What this does not do is
- provide some sort of fraudulent act or some
- sort of title impairment or roll back
- amount. Those are totally different things.
- This is just bringing state law into line
- with federal law.

- MR. WRIGHT:
- The landmark case, "Hendrix
- versus Horseless Carriage" waives
- redhibition, hidden defects, the whole
- thing. This is why they put an "as is"
- sticker on their car. If you put implied
- warranty on a car and they sign this waiver,

- then you are in a mess of trouble because
- you conflict with what you are doing. The
- 3 State does not prohibit you from waiving the
- implied warranty. And, of course, that's
- where the key to the whole thing is. And
- this -- did I bring you any of the court
- 7 cases?
- MR. DUPLESSTS:
- You did. You brought me the
- warranty. And we can't adopt that because
- 11 -- we can't adopt that warranty because we
- don't have the right and we would probably
- violate some --
- MR. WRIGHT:
- 15 It's not copyrighted.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- It's not copyrighted?
- MR. WRIGHT:
- No, sir.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- I mean, Sheri, if you want to
- take a look at it. That was one of the
- examples that we found doable. So we want
- to kind of change -- the implied warranty is
- actually what you are saying. It is just a

- legal term of art.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- But it is not copyrighted.
- ⁴ Two attorneys and a car dealer designed that
- ⁵ 12, 15 years ago.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- If you would put that exact
- warranty into law, then it would become law
- ⁹ and it would become doable.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- But what it is, it is a law
- already. It is "Hendrix versus Horseless
- 13 Carriage".
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, that's a case law in
- one circuit. It is not adaptable to the
- rest of the state.
- Ms. Morris, you can take a
- 19 look and see.
- MS. MORRIS:
- What I did was, what the law
- currently says is that the Commission has
- the power and duty to require all dealers to
- have a condition of sale such as a warranty
- disclaimer, implied or written warranty, or

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a service contract approved by the
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- ² Commission. Well, it is my understanding
- that the Commission is not approving any of
- 4 those. So I was taking out the "approved by
- the Commission" since the Commission never
- has really done that. And then the warranty
- that Butch provided us with, I tried to
- incorporate that if you use a warranty that
- 9 discloses things and the consumer signs it
- 10 -- this was a rather long warranty, and then
- it had a signature that you would be
- protected from these claims. So I really --
- I don't have the language set out in here,
- but really what this language says is it
- tells you about redhibition and it tells you
- 16 -- it says that you are waiving it. It is a
- 17 clear waiver of -- it says you are buying
- the car "as is" and you are waiving the
- right to redhibition and it tells you what
- redhibition is. So I kind of summarized it
- here rather than setting forth these five
- paragraphs, but if you want that all --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Is that a form that you are
- holding up?

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MR. WRIGHT:
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- It is a bill of sale.
- MS. MORRTS:
- It is a bill of sale that has
- 5 an "as is" warranty on it.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Does everybody want one? I
- 8 would like to see it.
- 9 MR. WRIGHT:
- We have seven cases in our
- file, five districts, two Court of Appeals.
- 12 I've got letters from the Federal Trade
- 13 Commission and they say three items have to
- be fulfilled in order for that to execute an
- "as is" sale, and it has to be embodied
- within the bill of sale. It has to be
- written in unambiguous terms, and it has to
- be explained to the customer and signed for.
- MS. MORRIS:
- Subparagraph "G" is an item
- for cleanup. It calls our account the Used
- Motor Vehicle and Parts Commission fund, but
- the name of our Commission is the Used Motor
- Vehicle Commission and it says that your
- funds are deposited in the treasury. This

- came up with another agency that I'm working
- with. It is my understanding your funds are
- 3 not actually deposited in the treasury.
- ⁴ They are deposited in your account and this
- 5 agency is not even using the State's fiscal
- agent bank. So if you want to try to do
- online renewals because if the money has to
- run through two accounts, it is two
- transaction fees assessed the by the bank
- and you are in two different banks. So I
- just saw that when I was going through. So
- I took that language with the State treasury
- deposit out. It is my understanding that
- you are not depositing in the State Treasury
- anyway.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Any questions?
- (No response.)
- MS. MORRIS:
- 791, this is -- we talked
- about just having the application signed by
- the dealer rather than verified under oath
- before a notary public, especially when we
- go to online renewals so that that's not a
- step that is closed down, the dealers being

- able to do their renewals. It is a
- violation to make any material
- misrepresentation on an application. So we
- 4 still could discipline a licensee who has a
- material misrepresentation even though it is
- 6 not under oath. Under oath you could
- prosecute the person for perjury, but I
- 8 don't know that we have ever done that
- 9 anyway. So that's just to facilitate your
- online renewals.
- Again 4A is to renew the date
- to make your bonds concurrent with your
- license period. If you change -- if you
- decide to remove that December 31st to a
- different licensing period, your bonds would
- have to be the same as your license period.
- This is the provision we talked about, about
- the bond -- increasing the bond for those
- dealers that sell more than 120 vehicles per
- year. And so G1A leaves the \$20,000 if you
- sell less than 120 vehicles during the 12
- month period preceding the licensure period,
- and then "B" is the -- your new provision
- that says if you sell 120 or more that you
- have a \$35,000 bond, which is that increase

- of \$15,000. And just to put those two break
- outs, it was necessary to put this
- additional paragraph that both of those
- 4 bonds would be on a commercial surety
- 5 authorized to do business in the State of
- 6 Louisiana. And it lists the items that are
- secured by that including the bond of this
- 8 Commission.
- 9 MR. ROBINSON:
- Any comments or questions
- about Item "G"?
- (No response.)
- MS. MORRIS:
- "J" is a cleanup item that I
- saw going through the law. You all have --
- when you put in that education course, there
- was a provision that allowed current dealers
- a specific time to prove that they had
- attended the course and that really expired
- in 2004. So it would just go back to the
- provision that you have to show evidence to
- the Commission that someone has attended the
- course. We really don't need those two
- grandfather provisions anymore.
- MR. ROBINSON:

1 Okay. 2 MS. MORRIS: 3 Under 792 there were -- again this is another thing, because your licenses are kind of split, some dealers are left out 6 of certain provisions. So I noticed that in 7 the unauthorized acts, particularly because 8 we were adding provisions for the auctions, that they were not listed. Only the used 10 motor vehicle dealer was listed and I 11 understand that you all have multiple 12 licenses, but if you revoke somebody's 13 license, you would want to have the 14 authority to revoke all licenses, not just 15 the used dealer license. So that was just 16 to straighten that out in the "A" and the 17 "B" portion. 18 And then actually 794 on Page 19 4 is -- are the provisions related to the

4 is -- are the provisions related to the auction. This is -- were the provisions that were drafted by Robert which were in the -- that he had presented. I think Mr. Duplessis worked with Robert Hallack on that. The only thing that I added was the provision that Mr. Poteet had suggested,

- that we look at the ethics rules for the
- national auction about things of value and I
- 3 added -- I pulled the ethics provisions off
- the Internet and added that it is a
- violation to entice somebody by giving them
- something of value other than payment on
- their account or a credit which is reported
- 8 to the IRS on a 1099.
- 9 MR. ROBINSON:
- So this whole section is new
- 11 basically?
- MS. MORRIS:
- It was -- yes, it would be a
- new section of law. It was written by
- Robert Hallack originally. So it wasn't the
- draft that you all were provided earlier.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Commissioner Poteet has seen
- this? I guess not.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- He has.
- MS. MORRIS:
- He has with the exception of
- that one paragraph.
- MR. ROBINSON:

- Okay. That's good. He's the
- representative for that industry.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- He recommended that we put
- the ethics in, which we did.
- 6 MR. ROBINSON:
- 7 That's fine. If he's good
- with it, that's good.
- 9 MS. MORRIS:
- I can double check with him.
- And then the last issue is on
- 12 802. That was a cleanup, too. That is the
- second provision for the -- proving that you
- went to the course. And so I changed it
- there, too, since that's really a provision,
- but I did notice one more thing that I
- didn't put in here. In 783 it says that the
- Commission has the power to hold and conduct
- hearings on violations of this chapter.
- Areas of responsibility disputes, which we
- no longer have since we don't have the
- marine dealers, and mandatory repurchase
- disputes and we don't have that anymore
- since we don't have the new vehicles, and so
- I would like to take that out if you don't

- have a problem with it as well of 783 since
- 2 that went to the New Car Commission. It
- would just make our statutes cleaner.
- 4 MR. ROBINSON:
- 5 Does anyone have any
- ⁶ questions, comments?
- 7 (No response.)
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Let's go back to Page 2, 791,
- 10 Item "G", now that Butch is back. Look
- through that again if you would, Ms. Morris,
- now that Butch is here, run that through for
- changes.
- MS. MORRIS:
- On 783 the warranty, we
- basically --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- No, 791 Item "G", the bond.
- MS. MORRIS:
- The bond.
- This is the change that would
- increase the bond for those dealers who sold
- more than 120 or more vehicles per year in
- the previous licensing period. It would
- leave the bond at \$20,000 for dealers who

- sold less than 120 vehicles and increase it
- by \$15,000 to \$35,000 for dealers who sold
- ³ 120 or more vehicles.
- 4 MR. ROBINSON:
- 5 Comments, Butch?
- 6 MR. WRIGHT:
- I'm going to have to check on
- that one because I'm going to say 85 to 90
- 9 percent of the dealers sell more than 120
- cars a year.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- You haven't had any feedback
- on it, is what you are saying?
- MR. WRIGHT:
- I told them that y'all were
- still discussing it, that it was going to be
- raised, how much, I didn't know.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- And -- well, at this point
- now, we don't have time for feedback. When
- does this bill have to be in?
- MS. MORRIS:
- Absolutely, it's at the
- latest as Wednesday for the draft, but if we
- need to look at some provisions and get

- feedback, we could work on that between the
- time it is actually filed and the hearing at
- 3 the first committee.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- 5 You could get it to the
- 6 committee without a problem. So if you will
- ⁷ let us submit it like this and if you have
- 8 some heartburn with it, we can amend it for
- you in committee if it is reasonable. We
- are not like that locked into it that we
- can't change it and get it passed.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- 13 I'm reserving all comment
- until I get with my people. I mean, I can't
- speak for them. I had a couple of them in
- your neck of the woods say, "We don't care,
- that's fine, \$35,000." A bunch of these
- little guys just don't sell that many
- vehicles.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, that's what we are
- trying to do is protect the little guy, but
- we don't want to put a bond that might be so
- high that it's difficult for a dealer to --
- we don't want to put people out of business

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     look bad as a Commission or --
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                MS. MORRIS:
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                    I don't think so.
                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    -- make it harder to pass
     because it looks like we didn't know what we
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     were doing the first time?
                MS. MORRTS:
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                         I think -- legislation
                    No.
     is always a compromise, but it is just the
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     timing.
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                    I understand, Butch, you have
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     a board meeting later this month.
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                MR. WRIGHT:
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                    Uh-huh (affirmative
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     response.)
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                MS. MORRIS:
                    So he will have his feedback
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     by the end of the month. The Session starts
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     on the 29th. It is just to get it as
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     pre-filed bill.
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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Explain that's what we have
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     done to them and that we -- this is how we
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are going with it, Butch, and then we can

- change it before committee if it's --
- MS. MORRIS:
- We have to provide one week's
- notice before the committee hearing in order
- 5 to have it amended.
- 6 MR. ROBINSON:
- You understand we have to get
- it submitted and tell them they can call any
- of us and -- when is your meeting?
- MR. WRIGHT:
- The 27th.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Just contact any of us after
- that and we will move forward, but we are
- going to submit it this way, because we have
- qot to get the bill filed.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- It won't go through
- committee. I mean, if you come up with
- something that's fair, we will just agree to
- make the -- you know, there is nothing more
- powerful than the agency and the industry
- coming together and agreeing in the
- committee and it moves on and it is fine.
- There is no issue.

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               MS. MORRIS:
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                    In order to have these
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     submitted by Wednesday, Mr. Chairman, we do
     need authors for both of the bills.
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               MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Well, we just -- I just
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     learned Friday that we had to have authors
     by Wednesday.
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                    Any offers on authors for the
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     bill?
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               MR. DUPLESSIS:
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                    Can we get Bodi?
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               MS. MORRIS:
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                    I don't believe he will do a
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     fee bill because he turned down another fee
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     bill that I asked him to author. I don't
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     think you will have a problem with the other
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     bill except he is not on the Commerce
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     Committee anymore, and so it is difficult to
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     come back. It is really more convenient to
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     have somebody in the Commerce Committee
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     author the bill. The fee bill is a little
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     bit different issue, because most people are
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     not -- a lot of the legislators are not
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willing to take fee bills at this time, but

- the other ones, so far as they are not
- controversial, I think we should be able to
- get them placed within the Commerce
- 4 Committee.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Waddell. That's the only two
- 7 I can think of. Everybody else is in the
- 8 Senate side that I know of.
- Derek, do you have any
- legislative friends, people that you know?
- MR. PARNELL:
- No. No.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, it is a tall project we
- have and we have got two and a half days to
- do it. So as of right now, for those of you
- that do not know, we do not have a sponsor,
- a legislator, to sponsor our fee increase
- bill. We have to have a sponsor by, I
- quess, five o'clock Wednesday, which we
- weren't aware of until Friday or at least I
- wasn't aware of until Friday.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Sheri, that is going to be
- our protocol. Can you call Waddell or who

- 1 do we need to get? 2 MS. MORRIS: 3 T will call Waddell. I don't know what his feeling is on a fee bill. 5 know last year it was quite -- I worked on a 6 fee bill last year. It is quite difficult 7 to get a sponsor. It was particularly difficult to get a Republican sponsor. So I don't -- I haven't talked to Mr. Waddell 10 about that, but I will. 11 MR. DUPLESSIS: 12 I would call the Governor's 13 office. That's what is killing us, the 14 Governor wants, you know, to push no fee 15 bills and, you know, I understand that, but 16 we need to have the fee approved. We are 17 kind of getting shot down at every corner. 18 MS. MORRIS: 19 It is my understanding that 20 the Governor's office will not assist with a 21 fee bill, but if they feel that the agency 22 needs the increase, they will not interfere 23 with it either.
 - Betty D. Glissman, CCR (225) 754-8609

Right. And I guess my point

MR. DUPLESSIS:

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- is, who do you call? If It is a Democrat
- and that would be Buddy Caldwell or it would
- have to be the Governor's office to
- 4 recommend an author and they don't have to
- support it. They just don't oppose it.
- But, you know, it has to come on the House
- ⁷ side, too.
- 8 MR. BOURGEOIS:
- 9 Which even narrows it down
- even mor.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- That's correct. And it has
- to be -- and it normally has to be someone
- familiar to that committee. Otherwise it
- takes a tax. So what has happened, it
- narrows the playing field down on the fee
- bill to make it virtually challenging, let's
- say, to get something passed.
- MR. SMITH:
- Is it on the Senate or the
- House?
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- It's got to be on the House
- side and it's on -- the fee bill almost has
- to be germane to that committee to be

1 effective. 2 MS. MORRIS: 3 Anybody in the House can author it, but, you know, you want somebody that is going to help you get it passed, because a fee bill is an uphill battle in some respects, and so you want somebody that 7 is going to take an interest in it and they are going to work, because it is not -- you 9 10 need a two-thirds vote. So that's higher than a simple majority. So you need 11 somebody that is going to be supportive of 12 your cause, understand how to explain it 13 when it comes up on the floor, because fee 14 bills are just, you know, not looked at in a 15 real positive light at this point. So you 16 need to have an author that's articulate 17 18 enough and willing to do the work necessary 19 to get it through as well, because --20 MR. ROBINSON: 21 Then, you have to have that 22 in 48 hours. 23 MORRIS: MS. 24 You want the best chance of

25

passage.

MR. TURNER:

- Well, I'll hear from Tony and
- B.G. this afternoon.
- 4 MR. DUPLESSIS:
- Well, if we get an author, if
- we get any author from the House, then we
- 7 can pick a co-author on the committee, and
- then we need to assign -- we can start to
- 9 add to it and pick up -- and you see that
- all of the time. You see an author that
- introduces a bill and by the time it gets
- passed, you will have 50 co-authors on the
- bill. So we can pick up co's on the
- committee as we go along. We've just got to
- get it filed. But you almost have to have
- committee members to do this and there are
- -- they don't want to aggravate the
- Governor's office in these economic times.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- So if anyone knows of a State
- representative, we sure could stand for you
- to call them on your way home today and see
- if we -- he or she can help us with this
- legislation. That is the big challenge
- before us in the next couple of days.

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                     That's everything in the
 2
     proposed legislation?
 3
                MS. MORRIS:
                     Yes, Mr. Chairman. You do
 5
     need a motion to approve the proposed
 6
     legislation.
 7
                MR. ROBINSON:
 8
                     Any comments, questions, on
 9
     this proposed legislation?
10
                MR. BOURGEOIS:
11
                     I make a motion that we pass
12
     it.
13
                MR. CORMIER:
14
                     Second.
15
                MR. ROBINSON:
16
                     Second, Tony.
17
                     All in favor?
18
                     (All "Aye" responses.)
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                MR. ROBINSON:
20
                     Anyone opposed?
21
                     (No response.)
22
                MR. ROY:
23
                     What are we voting on?
24
                MR. ROBINSON:
25
                     We are voting to introduce
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 1
      this legislative revision, this -- the one
 2
     we just went over, Chapter 4C, Title 32.
 3
                 MR. ROY:
 4
                      I'm going to vote "Nay" on
 5
      it.
 6
                 MR. ROBINSON:
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                     Let's roll call, please.
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                 MS. BARON:
 c)
                      Glen Robinson?
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                 MR. ROBINSON:
11
                     Yes.
12
                 MS. BARON:
13
                     George Brewer?
14
                      (No response.)
15
                 MS. BARON:
16
                     Rhett Bourgeois?
17
                 MR. BOURGEOIS:
18
                     Yes.
19
                 MS. BARON:
20
                     Tony Cormier?
21
                 MR. CORMIER:
22
                     Yes.
23
                 MS. BARON:
24
                     Ron Duplessis?
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                 MR. DUPLESSIS:
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                      Yes.
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                 MS. BARON:
                     Kirby Roy?
                 MR. ROY:
                      No.
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                 MS. BARON:
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                      Darty Smith.
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                 MR. SMITH:
                      Yes.
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                 MS. BARON:
11
                     And Douglas Turner?
12
                 MR. TURNER:
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                      Yes.
14
                 MS. BARON:
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                     We have a "yes" majority.
16
                 MR. ROBINSON:
17
                     Now, this is on the cleanup
18
     legislation?
19
                 MR. ROY:
20
                     And it involves the fee --
21
     the license fee.
22
                 MR. ROBINSON:
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                     No. This is the cleanup
24
     legislation.
25
                 MR. ROY:
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1 MR. ROBINSON: 2 Well, that's two different 3 That's for the bond. He is talking issues. about the license. 5 MR. ROY: 6 The license, yes. 7 MR. DUPLESSIS: 8 I must tell you, I would -- I don't want any -- I don't think I want 10 anybody coming and opposing the fee bill and 11 it is such a small amount of revenue, I 12 think I would accept that change. 13 Sheri, your input. 14 MS. MORRIS: 15 Well, I think all of your 16 revenue projections have been based upon an 17 increase to all the dealers. I don't know 18 your percentage, the number of dealers you 19 would have under 120. 20 MR. DUPLESSIS: 21 Kim, any idea, any guess or, 22 Butch, or anybody that can help us with a 23 percentage? 24 MR. WRIGHT: 25 I don't know if I understood

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     it.
 2
                MR. DUPLESSIS:
 3
                     How many dealers do you have
     that sell on a statewide basis below 120 a
     year?
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                MR.
                    WRIGHT:
 7
                    We are talking about the
 8
     licensing fee, right?
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                MR. DUPLESSIS:
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                     Yes, sir.
11
                MR. WRIGHT:
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                     In essence, you've got
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     dealers that sell 700 a year and don't turn
14
     the revenue that somebody might sell 150 a
15
             You know, it depends on what class
     cars they are dealing in and who you are
17
     speaking with.
18
                     Is it Mr. Roy?
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                MR. ROY:
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                     Yes, sir.
21
                MR. WRIGHT:
22
                     I don't know what area you
23
     were talking to people --
24
                MR. ROY:
25
                    Avoyelles, Marksville,
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Page 136 1 Bunkie. MR. WRIGHT: 3 Marksville, Bunkie? 4 MR. ROY: 5 Yes, sir. 6 MR. WRIGHT: 7 I met some people from up 8 there that belong to the association and, of course, I can't sit down and call them all 10 everything that happens because I've got 700 11 of them, but these are obviously all small 12 dealers. 13 MR. ROY: 14 Yes. 15 MR. WRIGHT: 16 I can understand where it 17 would hurt a small dealer. 18 MR. ROY: 19 Well, I'm not sure of the 120 20 mark. 21 MR. WRIGHT: 22 But 120 is not a lot of cars. You can't sustain a car lot on 10 cars a 23 24 month.

MR. ROY:

- One is very small. The other
- two, I'm not sure. I would have no clue.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- If he is very small, he is
- 5 not selling over 10 a month.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- Well, that's I'm saying, and
- at 10 a month, I don't see how he is --
- maybe in the Bunkie area you can, but, I
- mean, 10 a month, it won't sustain a car
- lot. Face it, you make \$1,000 gross on, you
- work it down to \$500 and where are you at?
- So, I mean, I can understand.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Does anybody have a
- 16 calculator to look at -- what are you trying
- to look at, Ron, \$50 increase instead of
- 18 \$100?
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- That small amount, I just --
- I don't see it as something that is going to
- impede us from getting it passed.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- I think the key to it is, is
- the \$100 going to be at one time. Would

- that make a difference? I mean, if they
- took it in increments over whatever period,
- would that make a difference?
- 4 MR. ROY:
- ⁵ A period of two years, three
- years, or are you talking about months?
- ⁷ MR. WRIGHT:
- I don't know, whatever
- 9 period, you know. Would that make a
- difference?
- MR. ROY:
- One of them said it would be
- okay \$50, and then in two, three years
- 14 another \$50.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- I mean, of course, then you
- are back down to what the Commission needs
- to stay whole, you know.
- MR. ROY:
- And I understand that, yes.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- At this point, we just have
- to move forward with what we have.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- I agree.

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                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    Did you explain to them it
 3
     would cut expenses 46 percent?
                MR. ROY:
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                    Yes. It wasn't a fight.
     was a good discussion. All three of them,
 6
 7
     all three businesses are friends of mine,
 8
     and we discussed it. I told them we were
     short of funds and, I mean, any time if it
10
     is $50, it is $50, you know. It is just an
11
     additional fee they have to pay.
12
                MR. ROBINSON:
13
                    All right. Anything else
14
     from the Legislative Committee?
15
                MR. DUPLESSIS:
16
                    Done.
17
                MR. ROBINSON:
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                    We have no hearings today.
19
                MS. MORRIS:
20
                    We still need a motion to
21
     approve the submission of the fee bill if
22
     this is what we are going to submit.
23
                MR. ROBINSON:
24
                    We need a motion to approve
25
     the introduction of the fee bill.
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                 MR. SMITH:
 2
                      I'll make a motion.
 3
                 MR. BOURGEOTS:
                      Second.
                 MR. ROBINSON:
                      All in favor?
 7
                      Let's do a roll call on the
 8
      fee bill.
 9
                 MS. BARON:
10
                      Glen Robinson?
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                 MR. ROBINSON:
12
                      Yes.
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                 MS. BARON:
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                      Rhett Bourgeois?
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                 MR. BOURGEOIS:
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                      Yes.
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                 MS. BARON:
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                      Tony Cormier?
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                 MR. CORMIER:
20
                      Yes.
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                 MS. BARON:
22
                      Ron Duplessis?
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                 MR. DUPLESSIS:
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                      Yes.
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                 MS. BARON:
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                     Kirby Roy?
                MR. ROY:
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                     No.
                MS. BARON:
                     Darty Smith?
                MR. SMITH:
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                     Yes.
                MS. BARON:
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                     And Douglas Turner?
10
                MR. TURNER:
11
                     Yes.
12
                MS. BARON:
13
                     Majority rules.
14
                MR. ROBINSON:
15
                     Thank you.
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                MS. MORRIS:
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                     I have one more thing that I
18
     neglected to mention. The law talks about
19
     the fee for an educational course. You all
20
     aren't charging a fee and you don't have a
21
     fee in the law. Is that something that you
22
     want to correct?
23
                MR. ROBINSON:
24
                     We don't have what?
25
                MS. MORRIS:
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- A fee for the educational
- ² course.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Well, it is my understanding
- the Legislature said we couldn't charge for
- 6 it.
- 7 MS. MORRIS:
- Well, it talks about the fee
- has to be approved by the Commission in the
- statute. Is that something that needs to be
- removed? There is no fee. It was never --
- there is a \$25 fee, but it talks about a
- 13 fee.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- All I know is that it was
- explained to me that the Legislature wanted
- us to do it without a fee.
- Isn't that how you understood
- it, Butch, when we were on the Commission?
- That's when it went into effect.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- You are referring to the
- seminar?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Yes.

- MR. WRIGHT:
- Actually, I wasn't on the
- 3 Commission when it went into that, but I do
- 4 understand that that was said. Now, there
- is a charge, isn't there?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- No. We never charged.
- MR. WRIGHT:
- ⁹ That comes along with your
- 10 license fee?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- No. I mean, I personally am
- not interested in the fee. We need our fee
- bill is what we need.
- MR. DUPLESSIS:
- We don't know need --
- MR. ROBINSON:
- We don't need a fee -- we
- don't need it. That's how I feel. We need
- to concentrate on what we have. We've got a
- big enough challenge right now.
- MS. MORRIS:
- Is that something you want to
- take out the provision that you can charge?
- MR. ROBINSON:

Page 144 1 No. I don't know why we 2 would take it out. It is our option to 3 implement it, isn't it? 4 MS. MORRIS: 5 You would have to have No. 6 it approved by the Legislature. 7 MR. TURNER: 8 It is already in there, though, right? 10 MS. MORRIS: 11 I mean, there is no amount. 12 It just talks about it, but it never was 13 set. 14 MR. ROBINSON: 15 Just leave it. If it is in 16 there, just leave it. 17 MS. MORRIS: 18 Okay. 19 MR. ROBINSON: 20 The last item, items for next 21 agenda, anything Commissioners would like on 22 the agenda next month? If there is 23 something that comes up, just call.

Do you want to talk about

MS. BOURGEOIS:

24

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- changing the meet to 10 o'clock?
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Yes. We are going to do
- 4 that.
- 5 MR. BOURGEOIS:
- The next meeting.
- ⁷ MR. ROBINSON:
- Anything anybody wants on the
- g agenda for next month? Okay. If there is
- something you want, call me and we will get
- 11 it on.
- We talked about a lot -- I
- think almost all of us prior to the meeting
- there seem to be some travel issues for
- people being here at 9 o'clock and we might
- want to start the meet at 9:30 or 10. I
- think I've talked with everybody about that.
- MR. BOURGEOIS:
- I make a motion to go to 10
- o'clock.
- MR. ROBINSON:
- Do you want to try 10 or 9:30
- or -- Commissioner Turner, you and Mr.
- Brewer seem to have the trouble coming from
- the New Orleans area. Would 9:30 help

MR. BOURGEOIS:

I need one more motion.

I make a motion to move it to

¹⁹ 9:30.

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MR. TURNER:

I make a motion to adjourn.

MR. ROBINSON:

Mr. Turner, motion to

adjourn.

²⁵ Second?

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                  MR. CORMIER:
                       Second.
 3
                  MR. ROBINSON:
                       All in favor?
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                       (All "Aye" responses.)
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                  MR. ROBINSON:
                       Anyone opposed?
 8
                       (No response.)
            (Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.)
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