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Remarks by Commissioner James H. Quello

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I have said this is a contentious judicial matter that must be decided by the legal record, not public speculation.

I also want to state that as a non-lawyer, I was at first puzzled and later impressed by the fact that lawyers, particularly litigators, would use every argument invented by man to vigorously oppose each other in court, then go out and have a cup of coffee or a drink together.

It is in that spirit that I want to officially recognize I never hold any personal animosity against any Commissioner or staff member for the vigorous arguments presented by all sides in this contentious issue. There are no winners or losers -- in fact, what I see today is a reasoned approach that hopefully will eventually serve public interest.

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Mr. Chairman -- will you please join me in a cup of coffee after this meeting where I can briefly recognize a hopeful reasoned approach and a belated thanks for your thoughtful birthday remembrance -- I want to convince you too that at my advanced age, I really don't consider contentious Commissionships as a staging area for ^{merciful} hell ^{Catholic} or purgatory -- *even that would require a merciful salvation.*

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