so, we're looking forward to the recommendations and the
work of the Commission.

CHAIRMAN WALTON: Thank you very much, Senator.
We hope we can meet the challenge that you've given to us.
From the testimony we've heard today and otherwise, we know
the consequences that young people suffer when they are
incarcerated in adult facilities, and hearing from the
corrections community, they don't relish the idea of having
a large number of young people housed in their institutions
because of those problems, so, hopefully there will be a
sensitivity to the plight of young people when they are
incarcerated under those circumstances, because the reality,
because of their age, they will come back into society, and
if they've only become worse as a result of their
experiences, it's only going to result in further infliction
of harm on society at their hands. So, we hope we can
contribute to the debate.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: Senator, first of all, thank
you. And my question would be, in all of these, in this
legislation, the gang legislation, is there significant
presence of the corrections community making that position
known, that they are really not in favor of having youth in
adult systems? Because it seems to me that that would be
very persuasive.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Well, clearly not enough. It's
a good suggestion, and I'll certainly make sure that we would like to hear, maybe ask you outside the hearing or after the hearing maybe for some recommendations of people that we ought to, at least in the Senate, that we -- testimony that we ought to have that's related to this, and I will certainly make sure that it gets to our chairman and also to Senator Feinstein who's very involved and active in this, and to Senator Schumer. I am, too, but Senator Feinstein is particularly the lead one on our side. But I think that would be very, very useful. I'd welcome to get some of the -- I'll be glad to send them the language you give me, give me some ideas of the people that we ought to send, I'll send them language, we'll get their reports, and I'll have it included in the record. It would be very, very useful.

CHAIRMAN WALTON: I see some of the correctional people writing down information now.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, see Christine right behind me here. We've got contact on this now and we'll be glad to follow up. It's a very useful suggestion.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: And we have names.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Good.

CHAIRMAN WALTON: Well, thank you, Senator. A pleasure seeing you again.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Nice to see you. And, again,
many thanks. This is -- we can do better as a country and as a society, and we have great challenges in our criminal justice system that we all need to give focus and attention, but it's inexcusable at the end of the day after the system functions and works that we are not going to have those that are going to pay their price to society not have the respect that civilized society should give to all humanity, and this Commission is playing an extremely important role that this country live up to its ideals, and particularly with regard to the youth. For that, we're enormously grateful and appreciative of the time and the effort and the energy that all the Commissioners are spending on it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WALTON: Thank you, Senator.

We'll take a five-minute recess before our next panel.

(Recess.)

CHAIRMAN WALTON: Good afternoon. We'll proceed with our next panel which is entitled "Improperly Detained Juveniles." We have three panelists on this panel: Mr. Earl Dunlap who is Chief Executive Officer for the National Partnership for Juvenile Services, the Honorable Jay Blitzman, Judge of the Lowell Juvenile court here in Lowell, Massachusetts, and also Ms. Dianne Gadow who is the Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections.

Thank you very much for your presence.