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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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## **Gambling Action Alert**



Legislators will be back in Springfield today to begin the spring session and listen to Governor Quinn's State of the State address at noon. [\*\*Click to read more\*\*](#)

Capitol Fax reported a deal was cut for Advanced Deposit Wagering (Internet gambling on horse racing), and a bill could be voted on in the Senate today, just before the governor's State of the State address. [\*\*Click to read the story\*\*](#) We will keep you posted!

Rep Robert Rita, who took over sponsorship of the massive gambling expansion bill (SB 1739) from Rep. Lang, is holding public hearings. The bill includes 13 more casinos, including 6 at racetracks, 2 at Chicago airports, a City owned casino in Chicago, and 4 additional casinos in Danville, Rockford, Lake County, and South Suburbs of Chicago. [\*\*Click to read more\*\*](#)

Over 300 people attended the first public hearing at the Casino Queen casino in East St. Louis last night. The current Mayor said the casino provided 42 percent of the city's general fund budget. Gordon Bush, the former Mayor, who helped bring the casino to town said, "I don't think any city in America is as dependent on the funds from a casino as East St. Louis."

From the Belleville News Democrat editorial: Will they ever get it? They just keep cutting the slices of the pie smaller. Nothing is created, and without creation there is no real value generated. We spin our wheels and get stuck deeper in the mud. [\*\*Click to read more\*\*](#)

### **FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

Contact your State Representative ([\*\*Click for a list of State Representatives\*\*](#)) and Senator ([\*\*Click for a list of State Senators\*\*](#)) and ask them to vote NO on SB 1739 and ALL gambling expansion bills.

The Primary election is March 18. Attend candidate forums and/or attend public events to ask Legislative candidates their position on gambling. Use the Candidate Survey as a guide or ask the candidates to complete the survey and return it to ILCAAAP.

Please share this letter about the impact of video gambling on families with your local and county officials. [\*\*Click to read more\*\*](#)