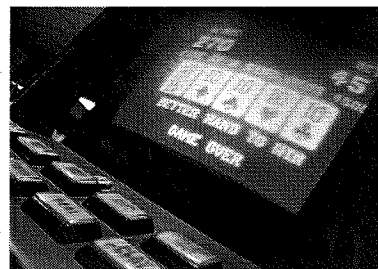


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Gambling Action Alert



Quinn, Rauner both open to more gambling

Both candidates are skeptical of gambling as a way to solve the state's financial problems. However, Quinn remains "open-minded" about slot machines and new casinos if the plans have proper ethics controls and money from gambling goes to school-related expenses, including teacher pensions. "It could happen in the coming legislative session, but it's important to keep the principles I just outlined in mind", he told the *Daily Herald* editorial board.

Rauner said he'd like to see clear support from any community where new gambling is proposed. "I personally am biased toward local control. If voters in a local community would like to have gaming, I'm willing to support that and go along with it," he told the editorial board. [Read more](#) **NOTE:** Scroll down on the site to watch videos of both candidates talking about the gambling issue.

Video gambling thefts come to light

Thieves have broken into six bars [in Springfield] a total of 10 times since September, targeting ATMs or cash redemption machines from video gambling terminals, according to [The State Journal-Register](#).

The gambling machines have been in operation for two years, and now video gambling thefts are coming to light. [Read more](#)

Too much gambling is a bad bet for Illinois

If video gambling actually contributed anything substantive to this state's economy, the Land of Lincoln would be booming, according to the News-Gazette editorial.

The flawed bill that legalized video gambling was introduced and passed in both the Senate and House in a little over 24 hours. The News-Gazette editorial goes on to say, any establishment with a liquor license can operate its own slot machines, even if the sale of beer, food and soft drinks is incidental to the operation of what essentially are legal gambling dens. [Read more](#)

Cost of playing slots and video gambling

At a recent gambling Expo in Las Vegas, Mark Yoseloff, the executive director of the Center for Gaming Innovation at the University of Nevada, cautioned about the increasing cost to gamble on slot and video gambling machines.

"Twenty years ago, the cost of playing a quarter slot machine; quarter video poker; or 10-dollar blackjack [machine] was all the same," he said. "It was roughly \$15 to \$20 per hour on average. That was the same cost as going to a movie then buying popcorn and having a soda; and the same cost as going to a family-style restaurant and having a meal. Now, fast forward 20 years... it would cost... maybe \$250 [for two hours] on average." [Read more](#)

Illinois Racetracks want slot machines

In other states that have legalized slot machines at racetracks, slots make up most of the business, essentially turning them into casinos that happen to offer live racing, *Crain's Chicago Business* reported.

Churchill Downs gradually has been getting out of the horse-racing business and focusing on its more lucrative casino properties, according too *Crain's*. [Read more](#)

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