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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

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Legislature Adjourns - No Gambling Bills Passed!



The House and Senate adjourned and hopefully, will not be called back for a January "Lame Duck" session. The bills for Instant Racing Machines for horse racing (HB 6323) and the doubling of video gambling machines at truck stops (SB 3144) were not called for a vote.

Thank you to all of you who contacted your legislators, wrote Letters to the Editor, and made calls to the governor. The new General Assembly will convene on January 14, 2015.

The *Chicago Tribune* published a commentary on how governor-elect Rauner can save Illinois from ruin. One of the four principles is:

Stop funding government by preying on your constituents.


"Stop gambling, ruling-class politicians tell us. Save the money you earn. Get a couple months ahead on the mortgage. But they need us to gamble because they have already budgeted for and spent the gaming revenue they expect to generate from our gambling."

"Crime syndicates are funded by gambling and drug money. State government should not be. Rauner could send such a signal by declaring he will not support any legislation that expands gambling or increases the state's dependence on cigarette taxes to finance core functions of government. He could go further and put the Illinois Lottery on the auction block to get the state out of the gambling business altogether. Align the interests of state government with the interests of Illinois families." [Read more:](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

- **Send a Christmas card or e-mail to your State Representative and Senator.** Let them know you are opposed to all gambling expansion and that you are praying

for them.

- **Call/visit your newly elected Legislator in the next General Assembly.** Ask their position on gambling, and let them know you are opposed to all gambling expansion. Pray that God will guide them in the decisions they will be called upon to make.
- Please include ILCAAAP in your Christmas and year-end giving by donating online or sending a gift to 1132 W. Jefferson St., Springfield, IL 62702.
- Click here to donate to Illinois Churches in Action. 

May God bless you at Christmas and each day in the New Year!

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