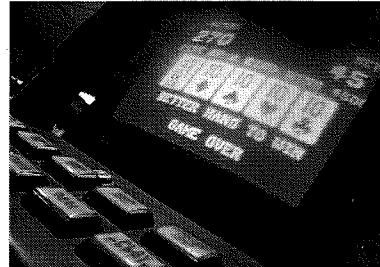




**November 21, 2014**

## **Legislature Adjourns - Veto Session resumes Dec. 1-3**



Rep. Dwight Kay introduced House Bill 6323 to allow tracks to offer "historical racing" machines. [Read more](#)

Tuesday the Illinois Racing Board heard presentations from Instant Historic Horseracing Machine companies. ILCAAAP gave public comments in opposition and questioned the Board's authority to authorize these slot machines, as has been the case in several states. The Racing Board legal council issued a memorandum saying, "a legislative change in the law should be pursued first, instead of the Board's promulgation of administrative rules alone."

**No gambling expansion bills were addressed during the first week of the Veto Session, which ended Thursday.**

### **Libertyville residents pack meeting to speak out on video gaming**

More than one village trustee said a big reason they don't support allowing video gambling machines is because it is governed by the state. So while the city might vote to allow the machines, the state decides how many and what types of machines are allowed.

"There's more to consider than just profits," said Trustee Donna Johnson, "particularly when people came here, most importantly, for a wholesome community. [Read more](#)

### **Libertyville seems unlikely to lift video gambling ban**

[Trustee] Johnson said she was wary of "unintended consequences," such as a greater demand for liquor licenses and the effect on the community. Trustee Moras was concerned about café chains with video gambling that have been making inroads in the suburbs, and the threat of potential lawsuits. "Once it's there, I don't know we'd have the ability to remove it." [Read more](#)

### **Video gambling blamed for casino attendance drop**

[Tom] Swoik argued the state is not doing a good job of regulating businesses that install the machines. Operations are supposed to be limited to specific business types. But he

said video gambling machines have been installed in "Laundromats and a scuba diving shop". [Read more](#)

### **Illinois Lottery aiming to help Veterans or sell the Lottery?**

Gamble to help veterans. Really? I don't think so. This is just wrong on so many levels. . . . do not use this game of chance as an excuse to make yourself feel good. Do not gamble on behalf of veterans, giving only because you hope you might also hit a jackpot and gain some cash in return.

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

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