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Gaming Board chairman unsure of job status

Governor Rauner revoked appointments made by Gov. Pat Quinn. Now it seems Illinois Gaming Board Chairman Aaron Jaffe, who had been reappointed by Gov. Pat Quinn in August 2013 but never reconfirmed by the Illinois Senate, falls into that category. Asked if he is still chairman of the Gaming Board, which regulates casinos and video gambling in Illinois, Jaffe said: "I have no idea." Rauner's administration will review all the appointments and maybe reappoint some people. [Read more](#)

Casino Queen lays off 20 workers, cuts hours of operation

The casino general manager Jeff Watson said since the current casino opened in 2007 the number of employees has been reduced by half, from 1,200 to 600. He blames the proliferation of video gambling for taking away business. [Read more](#)

Quad-City Downs Off-Track Betting parlor to close

Tavern and restaurant slot machines are being blamed for the final undoing of the Quad-City Downs, which will end horse racing simulcasts on January 31st. Live horse racing ended at the tracks in 1993. The state-issued racing license remains with the track. [Read more](#)

Marengo City Council rejects video gaming at gas stations

Residents and religious leaders vehemently criticized the proposal before aldermen voted. Many feared it would set the wrong image for Marengo and provide another temptation for residents suffering from alcoholism and gambling addiction. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

The new General Assembly begins. ILCAAAP will keep you posted on gambling expansion bills as soon as they come out. Contact information for legislators in the 99th General Assembly is being updated to include the new state Legislators.

1. **Establish contact with your State Legislators.** If you have not done so, send your [Representative](#) and [Senator](#) a card, letter, or e-mail to let them know you are opposed to the expansion of gambling.

2. Pray
3. Forward to 10 others.

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