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NO MORE GAMBLING



The General Assembly failed to pass a balanced budget by the May 31st deadline. The Legislature could be in "continuous session" throughout the summer.

Legislators have been working on a gambling bill behind closed doors and want it included in a "grand bargain". The mayor of Chicago wants a city-owned casino, with all the revenue going to pay for police and fire fighter pensions. Owners want to transform racetracks into casinos with slot machines and table games. Four additional casinos and smaller "satellite" casinos for Decatur and a winery in Southern Illinois, with 400 to 600 gaming positions are now part of the mix.

State Senator Terry Link, D-Waukegan, sponsor of the mega gambling expansion bill, said he's hopeful lawmakers can approve the legislation this summer. State Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion, signaled he's supportive of the Walker's Bluff entertainment development in Carterville, even though he has developed a staunch anti-gambling record during his 12 years in the House.

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Mob Questions Surface over casino contractor

The Better Government Assoc. found that Rivers Casino in Des Plaines had hired a maintenance and security contractor whose president has had ties to reputed mob figures. Now the Illinois Gaming Board is investigating. [Read more](#)

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1. **Contact your [State Senator](#) and [State Representative](#)** and ask them to oppose a megal gambling deal - **NO MORE GAMBLING.**
2. **Contact the [Governor](#) (800-642-3112)** and ask him not to include a Chicago casino or other gambling expansion in a mega deal--**NO MORE GAMBLING.**
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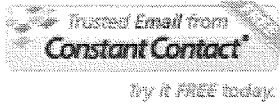


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