



May 9, 2017

Gambling Action Alert Fill out Witness Slips



The Senate Gaming Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 10 at 8:30 a.m. to hear to two gambling bills.

SB 620 DOUBLES the number of video gambling machines at truck stops within 3 miles of a freeway interchange that sells more than 25,000 gallons of diesel/biodiesel fuel a month. **This opens the door for video gambling expansion in all other establishments.**

Truck stops are allowed to have **video gambling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.** **Truck stops have some of the highest video gambling losses in the State, where local residents can gamble all night.**

SB 620 allows truck stops to meet the 25,000 gallon requirement by ESTIMATING FUTURE or PAST sales. This would **allow truck stops to double the number of gambling machines even though they do not sell the required amount of fuel.** (NOTE: *In Louisiana, new truck stops, catering to local residents, were built so they could have video gambling machines.*)

Senate Joint Resolution 26 asks Congress and the President to repeal the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act that bans gambling on sports.

While betting on sports is permitted in Nevada, Delaware, Oregon, and Montana, **only Nevada and Delaware currently have active legal sports betting.** Betting is limited in Delaware to parlay bets on the NFL.

The Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act was enacted to protect athletes and the integrity of sports from scandals and should not be overturned.

Note: A scandal at Northwestern University involved point shaving in the basketball program and football players indicted on perjury charges related to betting on their own games.

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Under REPRESENTATION - type "Myself"

Under POSITION - your position will be OPPONENT

On **SB 620**, check **SFA1** and state your position as an Opponent. Then click **Add Position**

and arrow down to **SFA2** and mark Opponent

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Type text in box

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