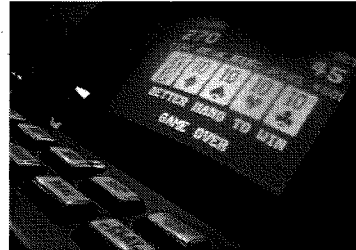




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Gambling Action Alert SB 7 Massive Gambling Expansion



Senate Bill 620, to DOUBLE the number of video gambling machines at truck stops, was defeated on the Senate floor today by a vote of 25 Yes, 24 No, and 1 Present. Thank you to all of you who make calls and signed witness slips.

The sponsor quickly had the bill put on Postpone Consideration so it could be voted on again at a later time.

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

Truck stops, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week., cater to local gamblers and truck drivers, who can gamble all night. SB 620 would open the door for more companies to build "truck stops" just so they can operate video gambling 24/7.

Senate President John Cullerton moved to reconsider the votes on six of the bill that were linked together in the "Grand Bargain". These bills, which **included SB 7, the massive gambling expansion bill, were put back on third reading so they could be voted on again as separate bills.**

SB 7 is a massive expansion of gambling that doubles the amount of casinos in Illinois - City of Chicago, Rockford, Danville, Lake County, South Suburbs, Williamson County, and 4 casinos at racetracks. SB 7 legalizes a perpetual casino license for Chicago, which cannot be revoked or suspended. All property owned or leased to the Chicago Casino Development Authority is tax exempt. No other casino license contains these clauses.

SB 7 lowers the casino taxes and gives a massive tax break of up to 30% by not taxing "comps"-hotel rooms, food, coupons, and other services provided on a complimentary basis to gamblers.

The *Illinois Business Journal* has a Point/Counterpoint question on expanding gambling in Illinois. Sen. Terry Link says Illinois needs more gambling to compete with others while Anita Bedell says Illinois has enough gambling.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Check to see how your Senator voted on SB 7. Call your Senator at the Capitol (217-782-2000 Capitol Switchboard) and ask him/her to Vote NO on SB 7 and SB 620.
2. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
3. **Forward** to 10 others.

NOTE: The Veto Session is scheduled for Nov. 15-17 and Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1

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