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**Gambling Alert
Massive Gambling Expansion
passes in the Senate**



This afternoon Senate Bill 7 was amended to make it a stand-alone bill-separate from the "grand bargain". SB 7 passed with 33 YES votes, 24 NO votes, and 1 voting Present. See how your [Senator](#) voted.

SB 7 includes a massive casino for Chicago, slots machines at Chicago Airports, additional land-based casinos for Rockford, Danville, Lake County, South Suburbs of Chicago, Williamson County Winery, and at 4 racetracks.

SB 7 allows progressive jackpots at casinos and video gambling establishments and expands video gambling by doubling the maximum bet and more than doubling the jackpot.

The bill lowers taxes on slot machines and table games and gives tax breaks to racetracks and casinos. SB 7 will not solve the budget problem, but it will increase costs and problem gambling.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. Call or send a note to your [Senator](#) to thank him/her for a NO vote on SB 7.
2. Call your [State Representative](#) and ask him/her to oppose and vote NO on SB 7, the massive gambling expansion bill.
3. [Contact Governor Rauner](#) and ask him to Oppose SB 7. Gambling expansion is a failed policy that has not and cannot balance the State budget.
4. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to CALL and PRAY.
5. **Forward** to 10 others.

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