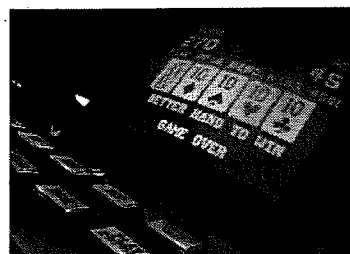


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URGENT Gambling Alert



Senate passes HB 479 & SB 209 Internet Sports Gambling, Internet Gambling & Expansion of Video Gambling

On the last night of the Legislative session, the Senate Assignments committee met behind closed doors and approved several floor amendments that were then called for a vote, without first going to regular Senate Committees for a hearing.

HB 479 was a bill passed in the House concerning THE STATE SEAL. Senator Kwame Raoul (D-13, Chicago) **filed a floor amendment to change the language to legalize Internet Fantasy Sports gambling and Internet Gambling for casinos and racetracks.**

I was stunned to hear the amendment quickly called for a vote. **On a vote of 42 - YES, 10 - NO, 1 - PRESENT** the Senate passed Internet gambling and Internet Fantasy Sports gambling. [See how your Senator voted.](#)

[Read more](#) about the bill from this gambling publication.

Video gambling expansion

SB 209 was introduced in the Senate Gaming Committee at 8:30 a.m. on May 30th and called for a vote at 10:30 p.m. on May 31st, the last day of session. The bill doubles the maximum bet on video gambling from \$2 to \$4, increases the jackpot from \$500 to \$1,199, legalizes progressive jackpots up to \$10,000, authorized establishments to give incentives for video gambling, and allows terminal operators to reimburse establishments for 50% of advertising.

Sen. Dave Syverson had requested an amendment for the bill not to go into effect unless SB 7 became law. However, sponsor Sen. Terry Link withdrew the amendment and called for a vote. The sponsor said there was NO opposition to the bill, which was not true. ILCAAAP testified in committee to oppose SB 209.

Senators had not read the bill, yet SB 209 passed with 37 YES, 13 NO, and 2 PRESENT. [See how your Senator voted.](#)

On June 1 HB 479 and SB 209 arrived in the House, which is still in "continuous session"!

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Summer is a good time to talk with Legislators in their District offices or at public events. Tell them your concerns about gambling.**
2. Call/visit your State Representative in their district office to ask him/ to OPPOSE Internet gambling and Internet Fantasy Sports gambling. Ask him/her to Vote NO on HB 479, SB 209 and all other gambling bills.
3. Contact the Governor and ask him to oppose the legalization of Internet Fantasy Sports gambling and Internet gambling (HB 479), expansion of video gambling (SB 209), and massive expansion of casinos (SB 7). Phone: 217-782-6830 or 312-814-2121.
4. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to CALL and PRAY.
5. **Forward** to 10 others.

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