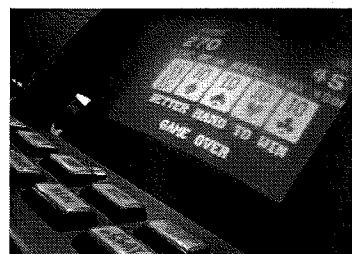




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**Gambling Alert
Internet Gambling, Internet
Fantasy Sports gambling bills to
be heard SATURDAY**



Legislators are looking for new revenue sources to solve the budget impasse. **HB 479 (the State Seal)** was amended and passed in the Senate on May 31st to **legalize Internet Gambling at casinos and racetracks and Internet Fantasy Sports gambling.**

The Governor called the Legislature back this week for a 10- day special session that ends on June 30th.

The House Executive Committee will hear HB 479 on Saturday, June 24th at 11:00 a.m.

Capitol Fax reported: The **fantasy sports interests have adamantly refused to be included in a broader gaming bill because their whole schtick is their activity isn't gaming, it's a "skill".** That's debatable, but they've apparently **dropped this demand after finally realizing the only way to succeed is to agree to let Rivers Casino owner Neil Bluhm piggy back on their bill with an Internet gaming proposal.** However, that proposal is reportedly facing some resistance on the committee, so we'll see how it goes.

Also scheduled for consideration is **Senate Bill 1531**, with **just Internet Fantasy Sports gambling.**

Online Poker Report reported:

That the bills have seen even some procedural momentum is likely indicative of the idea that the legislative machinery in Illinois is mulling what to do with the two bills. It's not clear if either of the bills are part of the larger negotiations in an attempt to come to consensus on the budget. But if they are, only one of the bills - the iGaming/DFS hybrid - would be able to help in a meaningful way. [Read more](#)

Man threatened over gambling debt resorts to bank robberies

A 27-year old man, bet on sports and owed \$30,000 to two professional gamblers. One threatened to kill him and his family. When the young man could not borrow money from friends to pay the gambling debt, he resorted to robbing a bank. [Read more](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **Call your State Representative** and ask him/her to **Vote NO on HB 479 and SB 1531.** Let him/her know that **HB 479 is still labeled STATE SEAL, but it is a massive expansion of**

gambling to legalize Internet Gambling at casinos and racetracks and Internet Fantasy Sports gambling. (217-782-2000 Capitol Switchboard)

2. **File a witness slip** to OPPOSE HB 479 and SB 1531.
3. **Call the Governor** to ask him to OPPOSE a massive expansion of gambling (HB 479, and SB 1531. (Phone: **217-814-2121**)
4. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to CALL and PRAY.
5. **Forward** to 10 others.

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