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Gambling Action Alert

**Contact your Senator in District
Office - Oppose SB 7**



Illinois Senate vows swift action budget plan - Gambling

Democratic Senate President John Cullerton and Minority Leader Christine Radogno negotiated an ambitious plan to end the budget impasse. **Promising to act on a package by month's end, they introduced 13 measures that included nonbudget-related sweeteners for both sides.**

One of the bills is **SB 7, the massive gambling expansion bill. All 13 bills must pass for this "grand bargain" to become law. The Senate will only be in Springfield three more days this month-Jan. 24-26.**

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Sen. Radogno's advice to Republican Senators:

"I cautioned my caucus you might want to turn off your phone because you're going to get inundated from people who don't like pieces of it." [Read more](#)

SB 7, the massive gambling expansion bill, has been assigned to a new Gaming Committee. No members have been added at this time. We will alert you when a hearing date is posted.

SB 7 will double the amount of casinos in Illinois and include

- Electronic gambling at racetracks-slot/video gambling machines, virtual table games 1,200 positions at Arlington and Hawthorn, 900 at Fairmount, 350 to 900 at Quad-City
- Perpetual casino license for Chicago--4,000 positions (over 3 times larger than current casinos))
- 5 additional Land-based casinos with 1,600 positions in Danville, Rockford, Lake County (Park City, North Chicago, or Waukegan), Cook County townships of Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, Thornton, or Worth, and unincorporated area of Williamson County.
- Expands number of gambling positions at existing casinos from 1,200 to 1,600. Competitive bidding of unused positions--casinos can have up to 2,000 positions.

Nationwide, revenue at casinos has declined. Illinois is saturated with gambling--Lottery, 25,000 video gambling machines, 10 casinos, Internet wagering on horse racing and the Lottery, 21 Off-Track Betting parlors, 4 racetracks, charitable gambling, raffles and Poker Runs.

Gambling is an unstable source of revenue that has not and cannot solve the State's fiscal problems.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

1. **We must flood their offices with calls, e-mails, and visits before January 24th.** Contact your State Senator in his/her District offices by a personal visit, phone call, e-mail, or on Facebook and tell him/her to OPPOSE and Vote NO on Senate Bill 7.
2. Contact your State Representative and ask him/her to OPPOSE the massive expansion of gambling, SB 7.
3. Share this Alert with your faith community and ask them to CALL and PRAY.
4. Forward to 10 others.

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