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## Gambling Alert - November 17, 2017



**No gambling expansion bills were called for a vote during the Veto Session.** Thank you to all who made calls or contacted their Legislators and the Governor.

The deadline to file for Legislative or statewide offices is fast approaching. There are many open seats and contested races for the March 20, 2018 Primary election.

### **Governor Rauner open to expanding gambling to help horse racing.**

"Our horse industry overall, horse racing, horse breeding, horse training, I think it's an important part of our economy ... I believe it's a good business," Rauner said. "We've been losing our horse industry to Indiana and other states. It's tragic. I believe we should support our racing industry, our race tracks, and our horse breeding training and help them grow. If expansion for other revenue sources could help us do that, that would be great." **Rauner believes allowing gambling in a community is a local decision.** [Read more](#)

**Racetracks want to become casinos** with table games, video gambling, and slot machines. [Read more](#)

### **Orland Park to hold public hearing on overturning the ban on video gambling**

Orland Park officials are exploring the possibility of allowing video gambling. A public forum on video gambling will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Nov. 27 at the village's Civic Center.** [Read more](#)

### **Cook County Commissioner wants to overturn ban on video gambling**

And Commissioner Timothy Schneider, a Bartlett Republican, introduced a resolution to reconsider the ban on video gambling in unincorporated areas of the county. [Read](#)

### **Is your town breaking state law? Queen of Hearts progressive raffles**

Gambling critics and experts say if the laws are not followed and enforced, it can lead to big problems: The prize money could be seized by the government, losing players could demand refunds, the insurance policies of the organizations might not cover accidents, and large crowds can threaten the safety of communities. [Read more](#)

### ***For Immediate Action***

[Representatives](#) won't be in session again until January 23, and the [Senate](#) adjourned until January 30, 2018.

1. **Contact your Legislators** and/or send them a Thanksgiving/Christmas card to tell them of your concerns and ask them to oppose all gambling expansion.
2. [Contact Governor Rauner](#) and tell him of your opposition to transforming racetracks into land based casinos. Phone: 312-814-2121 or 217-782-6830
3. If you live in **Orland Park**, attend the Nov. 27 hearing and [contact local officials](#) to tell them to KEEP the BAN on video gambling. Forward to people who live in Orland Park.
4. If you live in **Cook County**, [contact your Commissioner](#) and ask them to KEEP the BAN on video gambling.
5. **SHARE** with your faith community and **FORWARD** to 10 others.

### ***Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving***

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