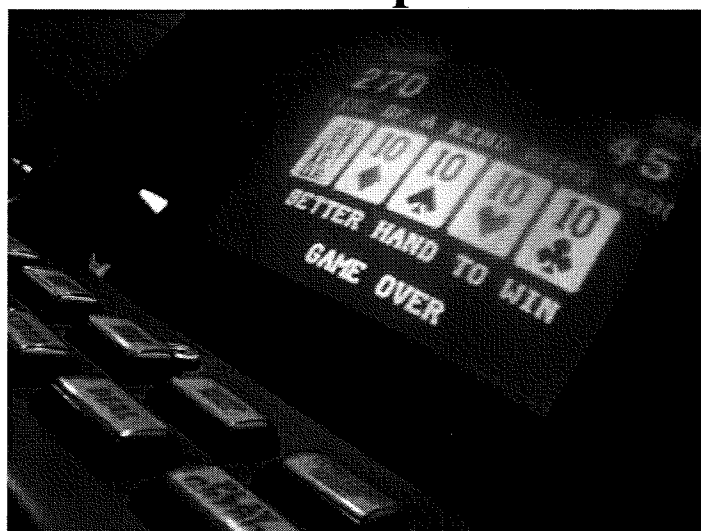


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Gambling Alert - April 20, 2018

Casino Expansion



Massive Casino Expansion is on the table

Thank you to all of you who came to the Capitol yesterday for the ILCAAAP Lobby Day. That morning Capitol Fax reported that Rep. Bob Rita (D-Blue Island), who is Speaker Madigan's point person on gambling, said he'd been given the go-ahead to start putting together a gambling bill.

Senate Bill 7, the massive casino expansion bill that passed in the Senate last year, is in the House Gaming Committee, which Rep. Rita chairs. It's not clear if Rep. Rita will take over sponsorship of SB 7 or use another bill.

Speakers Madigan's spokesman said yesterday that his boss will continue to recuse himself from gambling talks. Madigan said in the past that he has a law client who wants a casino, Capitol Fax reported.

Legislators working on casino gambling bill

State lawmakers are quietly moving forward with crafting new legislation that would greatly expand casino gambling in Illinois - an effort that's been tried before without success.

A major difference this time is that not only will opposition likely surface, but proposals will be made to provide relief for one or more communities where a casino

operates and collects large amounts of tax revenue. [Read more](#)

Casinos to pay for Quincy Veterans Home fix?

Brady said there have been initial bipartisan talks about the potential for a statewide public works bill funded, at least in part, by expanded casino gambling in the state. Asked by a reporter later about the talks, Brady said, "It's as real as it's ever been." [Read more](#)

Grand Victoria Casino in Elgin sold for \$327 million

The casino employed more than 2,500 people when it first opened, but that has dwindled to a little more than 800 over the years, officials said. A big reason was the boat was required to leave its dock and cruise the Fox River for people to gamble when it first opened. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

1. **Contact your State Representative** and ask him/her to oppose and vote NO on SB 7 and ALL bills that legalize more casinos and casino gambling at racetracks. (Phone: 217-782-2000, Capitol Switchboard)
2. **Contact Gov. Rauner** and ask him to oppose the massive expansion of casinos and casino gambling at racetracks. (Phone: 217-782-6830 or 312-814-2121)
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