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ACM Legislative Update 2/24/02

Gambling Expansion Bills Fizzle

On Friday, February 22, 2002 the House Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs Committee agenda was comprised of all the gambling expansion bills that had been introduced. When the hearing was over 6 of the bills had been defeated by about a 2-1 margin and the other 3 had been withdrawn as it was clear they too would have been overwhelmingly defeated. Below is a listing of the bills on the agenda and the action taken:

HF 2799 (Bishop) Casino; state-run gaming facility authorized, Native American government net profit portion established, and gaming facility revenue usage regulations provided. *Defeated*

HF 1267 (Kahn) Sports wagering games authorized, sports bookmaking licenses provided, and Minnesota active recreation fund established. *Defeated*

HF 1689 (Kahn) Casino; state lottery authorized to operate a casino in the Minneapolis-St. Paul international airport and money appropriated. *Defeated*

HF 2676 (Jaros) State lottery sports pool games established; and net proceeds credited to a human resources account and appropriated annually to nutrition, housing, and health care. *Withdrawn*

HF 2658 (Erickson) Casinos; counties authorized to issue casino license, taxation authorized, and constitutional amendment proposed. *Defeated*

HF 2441 (Dehler) Video lottery terminals authorized, revenue use specified, penalties prescribed, and local regulatory authority provided. *Withdrawn*

HF 3154 (Holsten) Gaming machines provided, and horse racing purse payments provided. *Defeated*

HF 2608 (Kielkucki) Casino; privately operated metropolitan area casino authorized, tax on gross receipts imposed, and constitutional amendment proposed. *Defeated*

HF 2528 (Hackbarth) Casino; privately operated casinos authorized with state share of net proceeds dedicated to highway purposes and educational infrastructure, and constitutional amendment proposed. *Withdrawn*

Based on the House Committee's actions and the likely prospect that the Senate will not be taking up any gambling bills in 2002 it is increasing apparent that the current Minnesota Legislature is not seriously interested in expanding gambling in Minnesota at this time.

HF 3046 Passes House Committee

On Wednesday, February 20, 2002 the House Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs Committee heard and passed **HF 3046**. The Committee recommended that **HF 3046** pass as amended and sent the bill to the House floor.

HF 3046 was authored by Representative **Carl Jacobson** of Vadnais Heights and *makes clear that rent is inclusive of any services provided or contracted for by the lessor, and that lessor & lessors employ may not be employed other than as seller of pull-tabs.*

Gambling Bill Introductions

Listed below are the gambling bills introduced since the **2/17/02 ACM Legislative Update** (2/16/02 - 2/24/02):

Senate File (SF) 3282 (Wiger) & House File (HF) 3598 (Osskopp) - Gambling device sales regulation provided relating to federally recognized Indian tribes.

SF 3312 (Johnson Dave) - Gambling lawful purpose expenditures modified (companion to **HF 3217**).

SF 3360 (Kelly S P, Johnson Dave, & Terwilliger) - Football stadium and parking ramp

construction.

HF 3496 (Lenczewski) - Casino; state-operated or state-licensed gambling facility prohibited in a city which has adopted a resolution of disapproval.

HF 3566 (Vanderveer) - Lottery receipts portion dedicated to trunk highway improvements, and money appropriated (companion to **SF 2602**).

Currently, the House Gambling Bill Status Summary Display page shows 47 gambling bills & the Senate Gambling Bill Status Summary Display page shows 39 gambling bills. Remember bills introduced in 2001 are still alive in 2002.

Committee Deadlines For The 2002 Legislative Session

The 2002 Minnesota Legislature committee deadlines have been set as follows:

1st deadline: Friday, February 22

Bills must be out of all policy committees in house of origin

2nd deadline: Friday, March 1

All House and Senate Files out of all policy committees, including bills with financial impact.

3rd deadline: Friday, March 8

Omnibus budget bills must be out of Senate divisions, finance committees and House finance committees.

As of Friday, February 22, 2002 only 5 of the many gambling bills introduced have met the first committee deadline. They are: **HF 2793 (Osskopp) GCB's technical & housekeeping bill, HF 3004 (Jacobson), HF 3046 (Jacobson), HF 3073 (Osskopp) ACM's 2002 Charitable Gambling Policy bill, & HF 3598 (Osskopp)** These bills all passed the House Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs Committee and were sent to the House Floor.

At this point it appears likely that the Senate gambling policy committee will not be taking up any gambling bills this year and there will be no gambling bills passed in 2002.



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