

**KEY POINTS TO LAST WEEK'S TESTIMONY
REGARDING FUTURE SPORTS-WAGERING LEGISLATION
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01. ANY BILL LIMITING THE ABILITY TO BE "THE HOUSE" TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS VS. ANY CITIZEN WHO WISHES THE SAME BENEFIT IS PATENTLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL PER AMENDMENT 14 AND OTHERS.

02. THE CURRENT DIRECTION OF FARMING-OUT THESE SERVICES WILL COST THE STATE OF OHIO AND ITS EDUCATION SYSTEMS A WHOPPING \$5 BILLION PER YEAR. ARE YOU MORE BEHOLDEN TO THE CASINO INDUSTRY THAN OUR OWN YOUTH? COULD THESE BILLIONS NOT BE BETTER UTILIZED FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS, REPAIRING OLD ONES, PURCHASE OF NEW COMPUTERS AND EQUIPMENT FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS AND SUPPLIES THAT TEACHERS ARE NOW DIPPING INTO THEIR OWN INCOMES TO PURCHASE? NOT TO MENTION THE OHIO STATE \$107 MILLION ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT DEFICIT?

03. YOU ARE ABOUT TO GIVE AWAY THE LARGEST MONOPOLY IN STATE HISTORY, A MONOPOLY YOU ALREADY OWN. WHY SELL THE COW WHEN YOU ARE GETTING THE MILK FOR FREE? THE DIFFERENCE IS \$50-\$60 MILLION PER YEAR VIA UP-FRONT FEES AND TAXES VS. \$700-\$800 MILLION PER YEAR PURE PROFIT BY WAY OF MY "THE STATE AS THE HOUSE"TM PROGRAM. THAT IS ALMOST A 12-FOLD INCREASE BETWEEN THE TWO, SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE LOGIC HERE.

04. I READ A RECENT ARTICLE WHERE REPRESENTATIVE DAVE GREENSPAN THE SPONSOR OF HB194 FEELS THE KEY TO THE PROPOSAL IS THE PURCHASE OF THOUSANDS OF NEW FREE-STANDING "BETTING KIOSKS". WHY, WHEN YOU HAVE 10,000 "KIOSKS" CONNECTED TO A CENTRAL SYSTEM ALREADY? THEY ARE CALLED "LOTTERY TICKET DISPENSERS" AND CAN BE THE SOLE (AND MOST EFFORTLESS) METHOD OF COLLECTING CASH FOR EACH WAGER. WHY SPEND ADDITIONAL MILLIONS WHEN THERE IS NO NEED? IF YOU WANTED TO SPEND EXTRA FUNDS, I WOULD PURCHASE A LOTTERY TICKET DISPENSOR FOR EVERY RESTAURANT, BAR AND TAVERN IN THE STATE. (YOU MIGHT EVEN GET THEM TO PURCHASE THEM, IF A SMALL PERCENTAGE IS GRANTED FOR COLLECTING EACH BET - THEY COULD USE THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE AS WELL, DUE TO THE VIRUS'S EFFECT ON THEIR BUSINESSES, COULD THEY NOT?)

05. I WOULD LIKE TO ADMINISTER THIS PROGRAM FOR THE STATE FOR AN EXECUTIVE SALARY AND 10% PERCENT OF NET. THE REASON THE STATE WOULD NOT HAVE TO BID THIS CONTRACT IS TWO FOLD: 1.) UNLESS THE STATE IS GOING TO STEAL THE METHODOLOGY FROM ME (SEE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MS. KOSTURA OF THE OLC AND MYSELF), I AND NO ONE ELSE HAS INVENTED THE SYSTEM TO BEGIN WITH AND: 2.) MY PROPOSAL ALSO CONTAINS TWO PATENTABLE NEW PRODUCTS THAT WILL EARN THE STATE OF OHIO ADDITIONAL BILLIONS OF REVENUE FROM BEYOND ITS BOARDERS IN A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MARKET. I WOULD SHARE THIS REVENUE WITH THE STATE 50/50, IF THE STATE PAYS FOR THE TWO PATENTS.

06. AS ANOTHER "ASIDE" TO THE PROPOSAL, IF IMPLEMENTED CORRECTLY BY MYSELF IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OHIO LOTTERY COMMISSION, AND SINCE THEIR FUNDS ARE TO GO TOWARD EDUCATION ANYWAY, THE PROPOSAL MAY VERY WELL BE THE ANSWER TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY'S \$107 MILLION ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT DEFICIT DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS. IN ADDITION, DUE TO THE HORDS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BEING ALLOWED INTO THE COUNTRY, THERE IS NOTHING THAT SHOWS US NEXT YEAR WILL BE ANY DIFFERENT, SO THERE MAY BE MORE OSU REVENUE SHORTFALLS DUE TO COVID-19.

07. EVEN IF LEGISLATION IS PASSED IT WILL BE UNENFORCEABLE PER AMENDMENT 14 OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH STATES:

No state shall make or **enforce** any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States;

08. WHETHER IT IS ENFORCEABLE OR NOT IS NOT THE BIGGEST WORRY STATE LEGISLATORS WOULD HAVE. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS CAN THE STATE BUDGET WITHSTAND MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR LAWSUITS FOR AND FROM ANY PARTY THAT IS NOT INCLUDED AS "THE HOUSE"? THE 14TH AMENDMENT, WITH REGARD TO DISCRIMINATION, IS VERY CLEAR AND I BELIEVE THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT AND CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT HAVE ILLUSTRATED (AND PROVEN) YOU CAN NOT LIMIT PARTICIPATION IN A LEGAL AMERICAN INDUSTRY TO SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS, SO WHY EVEN START? ALL YOU ARE DOING, WITH RESPECT, MR CHAIRMAN, IS OPENING A CAN OF WORMS FOR WHICH THE STATE ULTIMATELY WILL BE LIABLE UNDER THE 14TH AMENDMENT AND OTHERS, AS THE BILLS ARE DISCRIMINATORY.

IN CONCLUSION:

WHENEVER I LOOK AT A SPECIFIC PIECE OF LEGISLATION, I ASK A SINGLE QUESTION: "WHAT IS IT'S BASIC UNDERLYING PURPOSE?" SO WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPORTS-WAGERING LEGISLATION? IS IT:

- A.) TO INTRODUCE SPORTS-WAGERING IN OHIO BY WAY OF THE CASINO INDUSTRY; OR:
- B.) TO MAXIMIZE THE REVENUE FOR THE STATE'S EDUCATION SYSTEMS FROM THE EXTRA REVENUE GENERAL SPORTS-WAGERING IN OHIO WILL PROVIDE?

IF THE ANSWER IS "A" THEN HB194 - EVEN THOUGH BLATANTLY ILLEGAL - HAS SUCCEEDED AS WILL ANY FUTURE SIMILAR SENATE BILL. IF ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ANSWER IS "B" THEN WITH RESPECT, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE STATE OF OHIO, ITS GOVERNOR AND ITS LEGISLATORS HAVE FAILED MISERABLY AND FAILED THE SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURES.

THE MOST I COULD DESCRIBE THE REVENUE THE STATE AND ITS EDUCATION SYSTEMS WOULD RECEIVE UNDER THE CURRENT AND FUTURE LEGISLATION - IF PASSED - IS "TABLE SCRAPS". AND WITH RESPECT AGAIN, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE DON'T PASS LEGISLATION THIS IMPORTANT FOR A DAY, A MONTH OR A YEAR, WE PASS IT IN PERPETUITY, CORRECT? THIS MEANS OVER THE NEXT DECADE, IF THIS LEGISLATION IS FASHIONED INTO LAW, THE STATE, ITS EDUCATION SYSTEMS AND ITS CHIDREN WILL LOSE A WHOPPING:

\$50,000,000,000

AND I FIND THAT INEXCUSABLE, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND CERTAINLY NOT THE PURPOSE OF ANY LEGISLATION (TO LOSE MONEY) OR THE CHARGE OF OUR LEGISLATRORS IN GENERAL. NOW THAT YOU HAVE - AND HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF - A SIMPLE SYSTEM THAT WILL AVERT THESE MULTI-BILLION LOSES AND MAKE THE STATE THESE SAME SUMS, I DON'T SEE ANY REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENTED, INSTEAD OF HANDING-OUT ALL THE GOODIES TO THE CASINO INDUSTRY WHO WON'T GIVE A DIME TO OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS AND ITS STUDENTS.

ONCE AGAIN, I WILL SIMPLY ASK:

**"WHY SELL THE COW, WHEN YOUR ARE
GETTING THE MILK FOR FREE?"**

IS THERE SOMETHING COMPELLING THE STATE TO GIVE AWAY THIS MONEY?
IS SOMEONE HOLDING A GUN TO YOUR HEAD FORCING YOU TO GIVE AWAY
THIS MONEY? NO . . . INCREDIBLY (PER HB194) YOU ARE GIVING THIS
MONEY AWAY . . . MONEY AND PRODUCTS YOU ALREADY OWN . . . ALL BY
YOURSELVES??!!

WITH RESPECT, ARE YOU KIDDING ME? ONCE MORE, IT WOULD BE LIKE
MS. DOLLY PARTON OR MS. CHRISTINA HENDRICKS UNDERGOING BREAST-
REDUCTION SURGERY.

IT'S NOT AS IF YOU DON'T ALREADY OWN THE PRODUCT, YOU DO. SO
WHY NOT KEEP IT IN STATE COFFERS WHERE IT BELONGS? (THERE IS A
COMPROMISE PROPOSAL CONTAINED WITHIN MY SUBMISSION LAST WEEK, TO
APPEASE THE CASINO INDUSTRY, BUT YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO DO THAT
IF YOU DON'T WISH TO, THE STATE - UNDER MY PROGRAM - CAN TAKE-
IN, GRADE AND PAY-OUT EVERY SINGLE SPORTS-WAGER IN THE STATE.)

ON THIS BASIS, I HOPE YOU WILL RECONSIDER THE LEGISLALION IN
QUESTION AND ALSO ADOPT MY "THE STATE AS THE HOUSE"TM PROGRAM FOR
THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF OHIO, ITS CITIZENS, ITS EDUCATIONAL
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PLEASE FORWARD TO THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES AS LISTED ABOVE.
THANK-YOU.