

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2—ASSEMBLYMEN PERKINS, GIBBONS, BERMAN, VON TOBEL, MANENDO, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BROWER, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, FREEMAN, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, PARKS, PARNELL, SMITH, TIFFANY AND WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 15, 2001

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RAGGIO, PORTER, WASHINGTON, RAWSON, TOWNSEND, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS AND WIENER

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to refrain from enacting measure to repeal ability of Nevada to license and regulate sports wagering in its current form and to enact National Collegiate and Amateur Athletic Protection Act of 2001. (BDR R-983)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to refrain from enacting any measure to repeal the ability of Nevada to license and regulate sports wagering in its current form and to enact the National Collegiate and Amateur Athletic Protection Act of 2001.

- 1 WHEREAS, Illegal gambling on college sports has been identified as a
- 2 serious national problem, particularly illegal gambling by college students
- 3 and other underage persons; and
- 4 WHEREAS, According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association,
- 5 there are student bookmakers on virtually every college campus in the
- 6 United States; and



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1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada, pursuant to an express provision of the
2 Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act enacted by Congress in
3 1992, has licensed and regulated a sports wagering industry and has
4 enacted controls that serve to assist its sports books in maintaining honest
5 operations; and

6 WHEREAS, The sports books in this state have demonstrated their
7 effectiveness in providing a defense against illegal gambling on college
8 sports through the identification of suspicious wagering activities and the
9 discovery of point-shaving schemes in college sports; and

10 WHEREAS, Without the vigilance of the sports books in this state and
11 their notification of law enforcement authorities, certain point-shaving
12 scandals in college sports might not have been uncovered and certainly
13 would not have been discovered so quickly; and

14 WHEREAS, The sports books in this state operate under the strictest
15 regulatory controls in the United States, including the most demanding
16 reporting requirements for transactions and suspicious activities and
17 computerized bookmaking systems that document every wager received,
18 every win paid out, the results of each sporting event and every change in
19 odds; and

20 WHEREAS, Legal wagers with the sports books regulated by this state,
21 which amount to approximately \$2.5 billion each year, are dwarfed by the
22 amount of illegal sports wagers in this country, which are estimated by
23 some sources to exceed \$350 billion each year; and

24 WHEREAS, There have been no reports of student bookmakers on any
25 college campus in this state contributing to the flood of illegal sports
26 wagers; and

27 WHEREAS, There have been efforts in Congress that seek to take away
28 from the State of Nevada the constitutionally derived authority recognized
29 by the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act with respect to
30 wagering on college sports conducted within the State of Nevada; and

31 WHEREAS, The repeal of that exemption would have an adverse effect
32 on the economy of this state and the jobs of a number of its residents,
33 would deprive this country of a vital defense against illegal sports
34 wagering and would lead to an increase in illegal sports wagering; now,
35 therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
37 JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to refrain
38 from enacting any measure that would repeal the ability of the State of
39 Nevada to license and regulate sports wagering in its current form, thereby
40 inflicting damage upon both the State of Nevada and the national fight
41 against illegal gambling; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to enact
43 the National Collegiate and Amateur Athletic Protection Act of 2001,
44 sponsored by United States Senators John Ensign and Harry Reid and
45 United States Representatives James Gibbons and Shelley Berkley and
46 others, thereby enhancing the ability of the nation to identify and address
47 illegal wagering on college sports; and be it further

48 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
49 a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the



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- 1 presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
- 2 Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional
- 3 Delegation; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

