

CALL TO ACTION

Simulcasting and Common Pool Wagering At Risk!

HOUSE BILL PUTS SIMULCASTING AND COMMON POOL WAGER AT RISK!

The House passed the Internet gaming legislation, H.R. 4411, which, as passed, does NOT treat the pari-mutuel industry equally under the law. While originally, The “Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2005” (H.R.4411), sponsored by Rep. Jim Leach, was fair and balanced, it was amended to include provisions of another bill which arguably gave the Horse Racing industry a leg up against the rest of the pari-mutuel industry. The House passed bill states that nothing in the bill “shall be construed to prohibit an activity allowed” under the Interstate Horseracing Act, P.L. 95-515, and this reference alone implies that Internet wagering on horseracing would be exempt from the prohibitions of the Act.

The Interstate Horseracing Act solely regulates the lawful transmission of information from racetrack to racetrack, and from tracks to off-track betting sites for the purposes of simulcasting and common-pool wagering. The greyhound pari-mutuel industry lawfully engages in simulcasting and common-pool wagering just as the horseracing industry does.

CALL OUR SENATORS!

CALL OUR TEXAS SENATORS TODAY! Tell them:

- 1) **Texas has 3 pari-mutuel Greyhound Tracks located in LaMarque, Corpus Christi and Harlingen.** Texas greyhound owners and breeders have an annual estimated \$150 million impact on the state’s agricultural economy.
- 2) **To Oppose H.R. 4411.** The pari-mutuel industry should be treated equally under the law. Horse tracks simulcast and take wagers on greyhound races, just as greyhound tracks simulcast and take wagers on horse races. The practices and technologies are identical. The only difference is that greyhound racing is regulated at the state level rather than the federal level. Tell our Texas Senators that there is no reason not to similarly recognize that the greyhound racing industry lawfully engages in simulcasting and common-pool wagering and should also be exempt from prohibitions.

All members of the pari-mutuel industry should be treated equally under the law, and no special privileges should be granted to one member of the industry alone.

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