

Monday, February 9, 2015

Attachment I

Honorable Chairman McKenzie and Members of the Committee,

It is my honor and privilege to submit to you my support for and comments regarding pari-mutuel wagering delivered through historical horse racing terminals to support the live horse racing industry in Idaho.

You see a man who was inspired and shaped by his community. Idaho is my home. I grew up on Fairview Avenue and attended the Cole Elementary School that is no longer there. As a kid, I dreamed of playing football at Capitol High School and still get inspiration from Boise State and their football program. I seldom miss a game.

I rode and won my first race at Les Bois Park when I was 16. My dad, Ron Stevens still trains horses at Les Bois Park. That is why I stand before you today to testify against the assault on live horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering.

Pari-mutuel wagering is the only mechanism to fund and keep the live horse racing industry alive in Idaho and the nation. Small, medium and large tracks across the country have struggled to survive. Historical horse racing was invented as a new way to provide pari-mutuel wagering to patrons using new technology on previously run horse races. The states who have authorized this pari-mutuel product like Arkansas assert it has saved their live racing industry.

In 2013, the Idaho legislature adopted the use of historical horse racing in Idaho and after only 6 months of operation at Les Bois Park, we are beginning to see how it is providing economic relief to support live horse racing, breeders programs, purse structures, tax revenues and public schools to name a few. Did you know horse racing has the second largest financial impact of any sporting league or organization only behind the NFL? It's nationally an 18 billion dollar industry. The impact of losing live horse racing would be felt across Idaho and beyond with the loss of hundreds of Idaho jobs and millions of dollars of economic benefit to local communities and the state.

Please consider the facts surrounding this use of this product and don't be swayed by misinformation. Historical Horse racing is not casino gaming. I fully support the use of the historical horse racing in Idaho.

Historic Horse Racing will save the live racing industry in Idaho.

Sincerely,



Gary Stevens

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, DIRECTING ANY MONIES DONATED TO THE CITY BY THE EASTERN IDAHO HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION AND INTERMOUNTAIN RACING AND ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, TO BE SPENT TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S SANDY DOWNS MASTER PLAN; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has authorized historical horse racing (e.g., the broadcast of live horse races conducted in the past that are rebroadcast for purposes of wagering at an authorized facility); and

WHEREAS, such historical horse racing generates revenues, part of which are being received by the Eastern Idaho Horseman's Association and Intermountain Racing and Entertainment, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Idaho Horseman's Association and Intermountain Racing and Entertainment, LLC have committed to donate to the City of Idaho Falls, not less than ten percent (10%) of historical horse racing monies received from the State of Idaho by the Eastern Idaho Horseman's Association and Intermountain Racing and Entertainment, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Idaho Horseman's Association and Intermountain Racing and Entertainment, LLC wish to support the promotion, enhancement and improvement of horse-related activities in Southeast Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Downs is a beautiful, well used, popular, outdoor facility owned and operated by the City; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Downs is the site of horse racing, rodeo and other horse-related activities; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted its Sandy Downs Master Plan in 2007; and

WHEREAS, users of horse-related events at Sandy Downs contribute a one dollar (\$1) surcharge per ticket that is used for improvements to Sandy Downs; and

WHEREAS, Council deems it appropriate to expend monies donated and associated with horse racing and the horse culture on Sandy Downs; and

WHEREAS, commitment to expend funds received by the Eastern Idaho Horseman's Association and Intermountain Racing and Entertainment, LLC consistent with the Sandy Downs Master Plan is logical and beneficial to all those who use and enjoy Sandy Downs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:

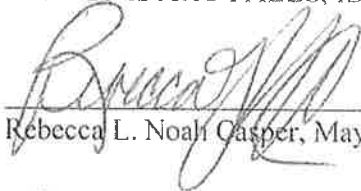
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Any monies received by the City from the Eastern Idaho Horseman's Association and Intermountain Racing and Entertainment, LLC shall be expended consistent with the Sandy Downs Master Plan.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council,


ADOPTED and effective this 9th day of February, 2015.

CITY OF IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO



Rebecca L. Noah Casper, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rosemarie Anderson, City Clerk



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State Affairs Committee
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Attachment III

**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1011
by Nathan Small, Chairman
Fort Hall Business Council, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes**

Chairman McKenzie and Members of the Committee:

My name is Nathan Small and I am the elected Chairman of the Fort Hall Business Council for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. I stand today in support of Senate Bill 1011.

A lot of ground has been covered today, but I'd like to add two points for the record.

1. First, when the state of Idaho was considering Tribal gaming, there were years of discussions by policy makers and lots of public input. When the decision was ultimately made to have limited operations and confine it to the reservations in Idaho it was done with the knowledge that every interest group had adequate and multiple opportunities to be heard. In the case of instant racing, it doesn't appear that it was done with transparency and opportunity for broad public input prior to the decision being made.
2. The second point I'd like to make is concerning how the operations are regulated. Indian gaming is heavily regulated by both the federal and state governments. Tribal operations are regulated in some of the following ways:
 - a. by the National Indian Gaming Commission;
 - b. we are subject to state oversight;
 - c. we must have an independent, internal regulatory process;
 - d. we are required to have background checks for employees in our Tribal gaming operations;
 - e. Tribal operations are prohibited from using vendors for the management of gaming operations.

It does NOT appear to me that there's anywhere close to this type of regulation of these instant racing casinos. In fact, until recently the state regulator of instant racing was also a paid advocate in another state for the very industry he was hired to regulate in Idaho.

I respectfully request the committee SUPPORT Senate Bill 1011 and send the bill to the floor with a "DO PASS" recommendation. Thank you. I will be happy to stand for questions.

SIDE-BY-SIDE PARI-MUTUEL PROCESS COMPARISON

RACETRACK SELF SERVICE

Player Places Wagers
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Self Service Terminal



RACETRACK HISTORIC RACING

Player Places Wagers
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Instant Racing Terminal



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Surface Acoustic Wave Touchscreen Technology assures customers' bets are accurately received.

Our Reader Assembly contains the latest in read head technology assuring high read rates. It also can brand thermal receipts with a variety of detailed information.

The Thermal Printer, along with a high quality thermal paper, rapidly produces clear and easy to read tickets.

The Bill Validator accepts US currency in any direction and is capable of receiving downline loads in order to accept new bill information or fend off the use of counterfeits.

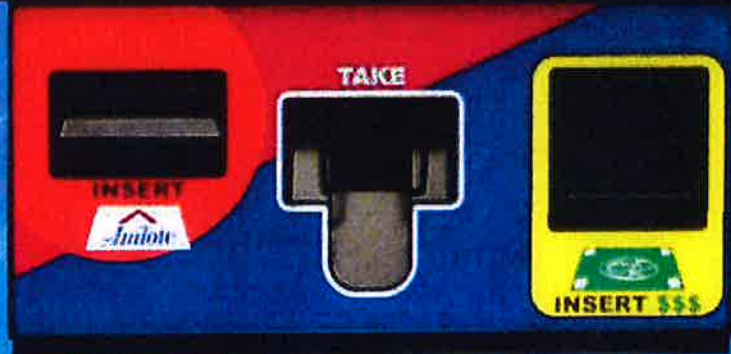
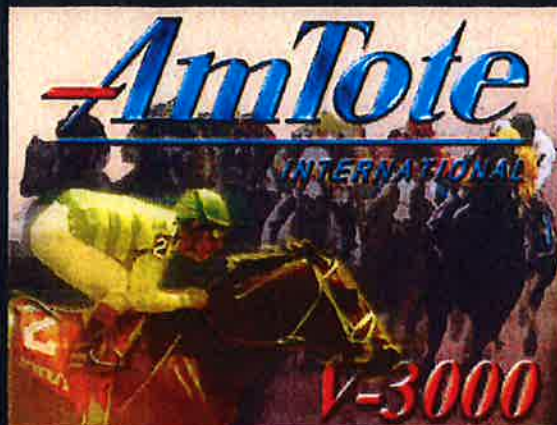
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ProV3000e Platform Summary:

CPU: Intel® Celeron M, 1.5GHz, 400MHz
FSB, 512MB-1GB ram

O/S: Windows® XP PRO

Display: 17-inch active-matrix LCD,
1280x1024 resolution Anti-glare, 3H
hardness, 16.2M colors, 700:1 contrast
Compliant with Panel Standards Working
Group (PSWG) specifications.

Touch: Surface acoustic wave, drift free,
4096x4096 resolution pure glass providing
clarity/maximum light transfer/anti-scratch
properties.

Reader: Tickets + bet slips, 25 inches/sec,
bi-directional, mark-sense, wrinkle-
correcting dual LEDs, thermal branding,
easy maintenance clam-shell, 500+ ticket
hopper.

Printer: High speed thermal, 203 dpi, friction
feed, 5.9 inches/second.

Tickets: Standard width 3.25 inches,
minimally 3 inches long, 2600 tickets per roll,
40 ticket hopper.

Bill Acceptor: 4 way insertion, flash
upgradeable, 95% min 1st-pass-rate on street
bills, accepts denominations to \$100, 2 locks,
removable cassette.

Mag reader: Swipe capable a reading all
three tracks on ISO7811 compliant magnetic
stripe cards.

I/O: 6 x USB v2.0, 3 x RS232, 1 x
RS232/RS485, 1 x CF type II.

Audio: Integrated ICH4 with AC97 codec

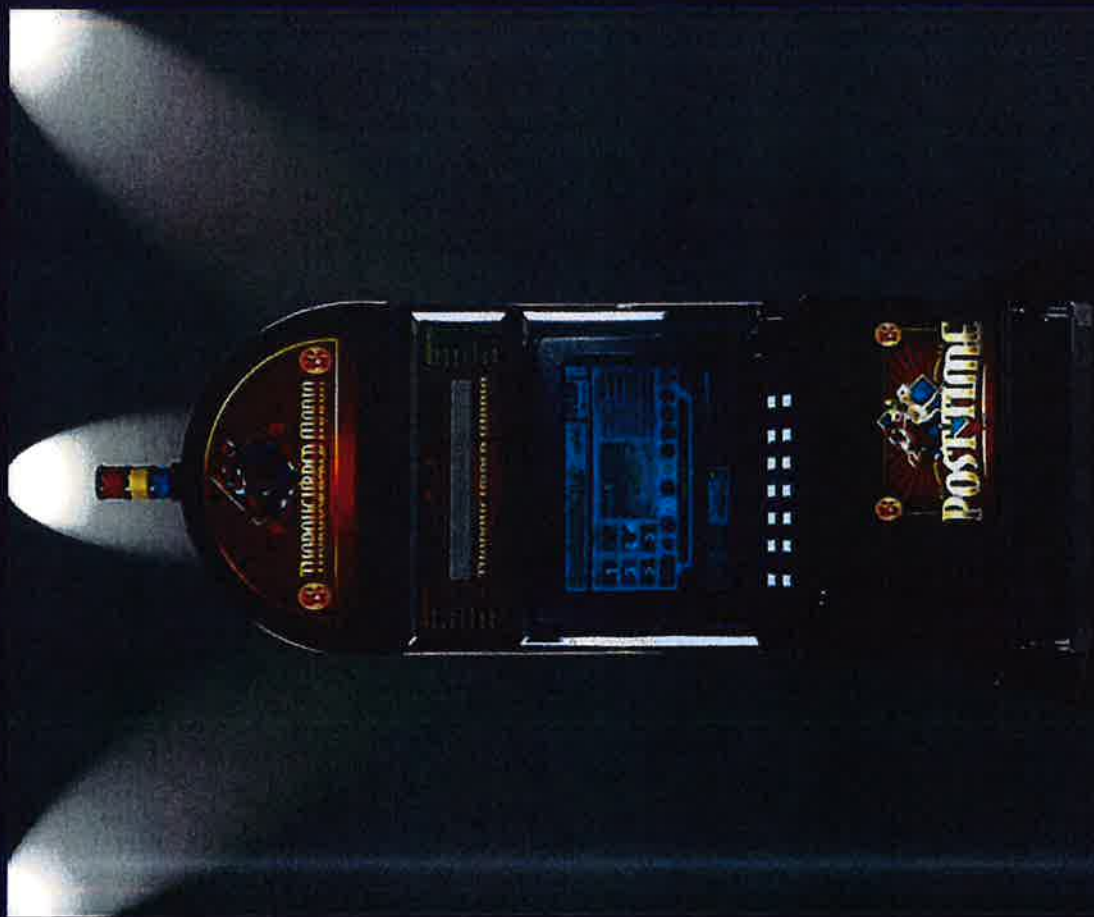
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