

**Testimony of Louisiana Representative Tony Perkins
Before the National Gambling Impact Study Commission**

I. History of Legalized Gambling in Louisiana

- A. The Louisiana Lottery Company
 - 1. 1866 created by the Louisiana Legislature
 - 2. 1890 outlawed by Congress
 - 3. 1893 last drawing held in New Orleans
- B. Horse Racing - 1902 state regulation instituted
- C. Charitable Gambling - 1968 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature
- D. Off Track Betting -1987 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature
- E. The Louisiana Lottery Corporation -1990 Voters approve constitutional Amendment authorizing the Louisiana Lottery Corporation
- F. Riverboat casinos - 1991 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature for 13 waterways
- G. Video Poker Machines - 1991 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature for bars, restaurants and truck stops
- H. Land Based Casino - 1992 Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature for on casino in New Orleans
- I. Creation of the Louisiana Gaming Control Board - 1996 the Legislature created a single board to regulation riverboats, video poker machines and the land based casino.
- J. Local Option Election
 - 1. Spring 1996 the Legislature approved a parish by parish vote on Existing forms of gambling
 - 2. Fall 1996 30 parishes retain video poker, 34 parishes retain riverboats and New Orleans voters approve the land based casino
- K. Slot Machines at horse racing facilities - 1997 Legislature approved local option election to allow slot machines at specific horse racing facilities
- L. Internet Gambling - 1997 Louisiana become the first state to ban gambling businesses via the Internet

II. Legalized Gambling's Political Influence

- A. Federal probe(s)
- B. Local Option Elections
- C. State Budget

III. The Related Effects of Legalized Gambling

- A. Gambling Addiction
- B. Bankruptcy
- C. Reported and Unreported Crime

IV. Recommendations for Federal Action

- A. Indian Gambling
- B. Political contributions
- C. Internet Gambling