

1 JOHN WOLF, INDIANNA

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3 MR. WOLF: Wow. John Wolf from Valparaiso, Indiana.
4 If you don't know where Valparaiso is, you don't follow the NCAA
5 tournaments.

6 Legalized gambling came to Indiana under false
7 pretenses with a referendum to change the constitution and allow
8 for a lottery. Casinos were not a part of the decision. After
9 intense lobbying and repeated turn downs, the state legislature
10 reluctantly passed the riverboat casino law, adjourned session,
11 called to pass the state budget only in July of 1993. It tied
12 together a budget and casinos in a single vote contrary to state
13 law which is now being challenged in the Courts and that suit
14 will be filed this week.

15 Instead of a statewide referendum the riverboat law
16 was rigged to deny the will of the people. All the people of
17 Lake County, where four casinos are located, were not allowed to
18 vote. Only the cities of Hammond, East Chicago and Gary voted.
19 Four counties said no and the total vote, including these
20 municipalities was 106,158 no; 105,294 yes. In this kind of
21 contrived legislation where state is played against state, county
22 against county, community against community, a county such as
23 Porter County, where I live, can vote overwhelmingly no and have
24 a casino next door where the vote was a slim majority.

25 Our coalition seeks redress to the Courts for
26 violations of state regulations concerning environmental laws on
27 the Ohio River. We seek a statewide referendum on casinos. We
28 note the zeal for revenue that makes these government officials
29 overly enmeshed with the gambling industry. In every legitimate

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1 way we seek to pull the state of Indiana out of the gambling
2 business. Thank you very much.

3 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

4 REV. GREY: I'm just glad I got the map. The map you
5 got, those are the battles we've won. Gambling crapped out in
6 the Midwest. I don't have to read it for you. It's going no
7 place and it's due to the fact that the passion of the citizens
8 in every state that have stood up and said no more; this doesn't
9 belong on Main Street, take it back out where it was before.
10 We've seen enough. Again, if anyone wants to argue the map and
11 the battles, then we'll continue on. Thank you for your time and
12 attention.

13 CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you, Reverend Grey.

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