



1 referendum on the expansion of gambling. We're still waiting on  
2 the referendum.

3           After all the discussion was over, the people felt  
4 that gambling in Chicago, the religious task force said, that  
5 previously only 57.4 percent of Chicago voters have rejected land  
6 based casinos in 1989 referendum. The first survey ever done on  
7 homelessness and gambling, an unhealthy mix, asked the city's  
8 homeless services providers five questions concerning the impact  
9 of gambling and homelessness. The results show a strong  
10 relationship between gambling and homelessness.

11           82 percent think all forms of gambling available is  
12 addictive. 73 percent, gambling including playing the lottery  
13 makes it difficult for homeless people to put their lives back  
14 together. And an astounding 33 percent answered gambling is a  
15 factor in homelessness in the people in their program. Another  
16 76 percent said there are too many gambling opportunities in the  
17 metro area. The social implications of gambling predicated on  
18 the individuals having to be a loser to make the system work runs  
19 counter to the American ideals of fairness and hard work.

20           We have provided some important points of concern.  
21 The religious task force encourages the National Gambling Impact  
22 Study group to adopt these points in the interim. By the way,  
23 we've heard about 80 million to one tonight for Powerball. Your  
24 chances of falling out of bed and dying are two million to one.  
25 Thank you.

26           CHAIRMAN JAMES: Thank you.

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