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Newspapers Opposed To Casinos

Concord Monitor
Fosters Daily Democrat
Hampton Union
Laconia Citizen
Lawrence Eagle Tribune
New Hampshire Union Leader
Portsmouth Herald
Valley News

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Labor Should Not Buy Promises From the Predatory Gambling Industry

“Promises to labor by the predatory gambling industry are as untrustworthy as its inflated revenue promises,” said David Lamarre-Vincent, GSCAEG board member. Perhaps that’s why the New Hampshire AFL-CIO convention, after forceful presentations pro and con, failed even to hear a motion to endorse casino gambling,” The casino matter was debated at length at NH AFL-CIO’s convention last weekend.

1. Casino management track records in Connecticut, New Jersey, and Nevada show that union members should not trust Millennium’s promises. Quoting from AFL-CIO’s 3/16/09 and 7/7/08 blogs: **“Two years ago, 80 percent of casino dealers at Caesars Atlantic City voted in favor of UAW representation. Full- and part-time dealers and slot techs at Tropicana Casino and Resort, Trump Plaza and Bally’s also have voted to form their own unions, but casino operators have either refused to bargain or stalled the negotiating process. The same situation exists in Las Vegas, where casino dealers at Wynn and Caesars Palace voted for TWU by an overwhelming margin within the past two years after management tried to grab their tip money and cut their pensions and other benefits, but casino executives there also have failed to meet their responsibilities to bargain fairly with workers... [Connecticut casino] workers also have filed 35 unfair labor practice charges with the NLRB against the casino.”**
2. Millennium’s deal to sell its Las Vegas and Pennsylvania casinos to Australian gambling conglomerate, Crown, fell apart last month, leaving the company without funding for its promised Rockingham construction jobs. Ask Millennium to release a signed term sheet for the promised \$450 million funding to build Rockingham before buying their jobs promises.
3. One-third to half of jobs at the typical U.S. casino pay at or near minimum wage.
4. Millennium has exaggerated revenue estimates for Rockingham by three times, given that Massachusetts is nearly certain to legalize bigger, flashier, destination casinos on our border.
5. Average elapsed time between legalization and revenue flow in the seven most recent to legalize racino states is 24 months. Slots will do little to fix current budget problems.
6. Existing New Hampshire businesses will be cannibalized. Gambling money comes from money consumers are now spending on food, cars, home mortgages, etc. A study done for the Boston Federal Reserve found that for every casino job gained, one will be lost elsewhere in the surrounding region.
7. Casinos in the proposed 6 or more locations mean that every New Hampshire community will be impacted by increased addiction and crime, the costs of which will exceed promised tax revenues, making slots casinos a net economic loser for the state.