



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
House of Representatives

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TO : All House Members  
FROM : Representative Will Tallman *WJT*  
SUBJECT : Co-Sponsorship of Legislation to Close Casinos from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.  
DATE : March 2, 2011

In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation that will amend the Gaming Act to close casinos from the hours of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

This bill has been proposed several times in the past and has garnered support, but has never been voted on by committee or even as an amendment to gambling bills on the floor.

As we approach National Problem Gambling Awareness Week (March 6-13), I propose this legislation to help our problem gamblers take a step back for a few hours from playing slot machines and table games and understand their addiction. By just closing for these few hours, we may be able to help a few individuals from going over the limits with gambling.

As a side note, the hours recommended for closing the casinos are also the hours that bars are required to close daily. It is interesting to note that the bars inside the casino must close from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m., so this legislation would be in line with that current practice.

I hope you will join me in sponsoring this legislation. Please contact Jodi Addington in my Harrisburg office at (717) 783-8875 or via email [jaddingt@pahousegop.com](mailto:jaddingt@pahousegop.com).