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Kenosha's Red Herring: Illinois Gaming Expansion

(Crandon, WI) – Forest County Potawatomi spokesman Ken Walsh released the following statement and information regarding potential gaming expansion in Illinois:

“The Kenosha casino proponent’s red herring is gaming expansion in Illinois,” said Potawatomi spokesman Ken Walsh. “Their continued efforts to point to Illinois provide a false choice.”

Facts about Gaming Expansion in Illinois

- Legislators in Illinois have been talking about expanding gaming for several years and multiple attempts have been made to authorize additional casino licenses around the state. However, each of those bills failed when they were vetoed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn.
- In his veto messages, Governor Quinn has repeatedly said that he has concerns with the ethical shortfalls of the bills and that they would allow “loopholes for mobsters.” (*Source: Gov. Quinn on Chicago casino: ‘There can be no loopholes for mobsters’ The Chicago Sun-Times, May 20, 2013*)
- A new bill has again been introduced this year; however media reports indicate that the Illinois Gaming Board has issues with the lack of proper oversight in the bill and Governor Quinn has said that he won't consider gambling expansion until the Legislature tackled a pension reform measure. (*Source: Gambling expansion in Illinois no closer, The News-Gazette, October 23, 2012*) (*Source: Motley says gaming is not Gov. Quinn’s top priority, Lake County News-Sun, October 23, 2012*)

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