

Results with explanation of a Statehouse News Search for "simulcasting"

1) ADVANCES: WEEK OF SEPT. 6, 2009

The week ahead brings a potential formal session in the Senate on Thursday and stepped up committee activity, including public hearings on **simulcasting** and dog racing, public education reform plans, and a major hearing on legislation allowing an interim Senate appointee.

2) BUDGET AND POLITICS HAVE CHANGED, BUT DIVISIONS REMAIN ON EXPANDED GAMBLING

If **simulcasting** extensions are not permitted for existing tracks, Boston gambling interests "would love to see" Raynham Park and others not be able to participate in expanded gambling.

3) PANEL OKAYS BILL CREATING OFF-TRACK BETTING PARLORS AT DOG TRACKS

The Economic Development Committee approved legislation Thursday that would enable the two tracks to keep their doors open, despite the scheduled expiration of **simulcasting** licenses in December, until July 31 of next year, the final day of formal legislative sessions in the two-year cycle. Sources called that measure a protection for the two horse tracks, which would have to grapple with the costs of live racing while their competitors benefit from the lower-cost **simulcasting**. Lawmakers said it was unclear whether Wonderland would conduct **simulcasting** or close its doors.

4) WEEKLY ROUNDUP: ELECTIONS RESULT

**INCREMENTAL VEGAS:** The Economic Development Committee on Thursday stamped approval on legislation creating off-track betting parlors at Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park and Wonderland by extending **simulcasting** privileges, a quiet little committee vote that will allow a formal gambling debate on the House floor next week for the first time since the throttling of the governor's casino bill last year.

5) ADVANCES: WEEK OF NOV. 8, 2009

nature: a bill to extend **simulcasting** rights and save jobs at a pair of racetracks that will lose their ability to run dogs Jan. The **simulcasting** bill moved out of the Economic Development Committee Thursday and may see floor debate in the House on Tuesday, although action in the Senate is not expected next week.

6) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS (AFTERNOON EDITION) - TUESDAY, NOV. 10, 2009  
HOUSE PASSES SIMULCASTING BILL TO CREATE OFF-TRACK BETTING PARLORS

7) HOUSE SESSION - TUESDAY, NOV. 10, 2009

The House adopted a Ways and Means Committee substitute (H 4323) for H 4315 bill extending **simulcasting**. **SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** Rep. Mariano said H 4323 an act to extend **simulcasting**, has been released from the Bills in Third Reading Committee.

8) ADVANCES: WEEK OF NOV. 15, 2009

to take up **simulcasting** legislation aimed at enabling Wonderland and Raynham Park to keep taking bets after live racing ceases on Jan.

9) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS (EVENING EDITION) - TUESDAY, NOV. 17, 2009

The Senate on Tuesday night approved legislation extending **simulcasting** rights at two dog tracks that lose live dog racing rights in the new year.

- 10) SENATE SESSION (PART 3) - TUESDAY, NOV. 17, 2009  
**EXTENDING SIMULCASTING:** Question came on H 4323 relative to extending **simulcasting**. It extends **simulcasting** races at the greyhound tracks and the horse tracks. You can have **simulcasting** and no live racing.
- 11) SENATE SESSION (4:30 P.M. - 9 P.M.) - WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 2009  
**SIMULCASTING:** Question came on concurring with a House further amendment to H 4323 extending **simulcasting**. I know **simulcasting** came back.
- 12) HOUSE SESSION (5:10 P.M. TO 10:20 P.M.) - WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 2009  
**EXTENDING SIMULCASTING:** Question came on concurring with a Senate amendment to H 4323 extending **simulcasting**.
- 13) SENATE SESSION (9 P.M TO 11:50 P.M.) - WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 2009  
**SIMULCASTING:** By a 2-0 standing vote, the Senate attached an emergency preamble to H 4323 extending **simulcasting**. **SIMULCASTING:** The Senate enacted H 4323 extending **simulcasting**.
- 14) ADVANCES: WEEK OF NOV. 22, 2009  
Four bills worth noting include the fiscal 2010 supplemental budget (H 4359) and bills extending **simulcasting** (S 4323), preserving affordable housing units at risk of converting to market rates (S 2190) and transferring oversight of clean energy investments (H 4253). 29, a day after the deadline for action on an extension of racetrack **simulcasting**. H 4323 - "An Act Extending **Simulcasting**" (Action due by Nov.
- 15) RAYNHAM TRACK TAKES TO COURT TO BATTLE BAN ON DOG RACING  
Morrissey has a bill (S 217) that would allow racetrack slots and extend the expiration date of the **simulcasting** arrangement.
- 16) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008  
**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION CLEARS COMMITTEE, PACHECO DROPS SLOTS AMENDMENT**
- 17) STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE  
Morrissey said participants stated their positions on the issue of **simulcasting**, which allow track-goers to wager on races broadcast from other tracks around the country, and not on greyhound racing or slots at the tracks. The state's **simulcasting** laws expire on Dec.
- 18) SENATE SESSION - PART 1 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008  
**SIMULCASTING:** Question came on ordering to third reading S 2721 relative to **simulcasting** in the commonwealth. All four tracks make money off of **simulcasting**, live races going on in other states. The Raynham Taunton park in my district would like unlimited **simulcasting**.
- 19) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008  
-- Voted 35-2 to extend the state's **simulcasting** laws for one year;
- 20) HOUSE SESSION - PART 1 - THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008  
**SIMULCASTING:** The House ordered to third reading S 2721 extending **simulcasting** of horse and greyhound racing. **SIMULCASTING DEBATE:** The House adopted a Scaccia order limiting debate of S 2721 relative to **simulcasting** to 90 minutes. **SIMULCASTING:** Question came on engrossing S 2721 relative to **simulcasting**.
- 21) HOUSE SESSION - PART 2 - THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008  
**SIMULCASTING:** With Rep. Harkins in the chair, the House enacted S 2721 extending **simulcasting** of horse and greyhound racing.

22) SENATE SESSION - PART 2 - THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008

**SIMULCASTING:** The Senate enacted S 2721 relative to **simulcasting**.

23) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - 'IN THIS BUILDING, WE MAKE LAWS'

Much can be done in informal sessions, but apart from the usual **simulcasting** spat, there's generally little drama.

24) ADVANCES: WEEK OF AUG. 3, 2008

**SIMULCASTING LAW EXTENSION (S 2721):** The Legislature has often left the laws governing **simulcasting** signals at the state's four racetracks to be resolved during informal sessions, but not this time around. The House and Senate devoted a chunk of their final week in formal sessions to approve a one-year extension of the current **simulcasting** laws, which allow tracks to broadcast, for betting purposes, races occurring at other tracks around the country.

25) HOUSE SESSION - TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 2007

**SIMULCASTING BILL:** The House received word at 1:56 pm that the Senate had substituted S 2780, with an emergency preamble, for H 5291 relative to horse and greyhound racing. **SIMULCASTING:** There was no objection to considering no action taken on S 2780 relative to horse and greyhound racing. **SIMULCASTING:** At 7:09 pm, the House attached an emergency preamble to H 5291 relative to horse and greyhound racing.

26) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - TUESDAY, JAN. 2, 2007

Mitt Romney legislation reviving the state's **simulcasting** laws, a bill that would extend until Dec. Scott Brown (R-Wrentham) said the governor's office indicated there were some concerns with the first section of the **simulcasting** bill, which allows the use of credit cards for bets.

27) SENATE SESSION - MONDAY, JAN. 2, 2007

**SIMULCASTING:** The Senate concurred with a House amendment to H 5291 relative to horse and greyhound racing in the Commonwealth. **SIMULCASTING BILL:** The Senate concurred with a House amendment to H 5291 relative to horse and greyhound racing in the Commonwealth by striking section 21. **SIMULCASTING:** By a standing vote of 5-0, the Senate attached an emergency preamble to H 5291 relative to horse and greyhound racing in the Commonwealth.

28) GOV. ROMNEY FILES EXPLORATORY PAPERS IN PURSUIT OF US PRESIDENCY

Asked about the bill extending the **simulcasting** laws that allow racetrack-goers to bet on races televised from other tracks, Romney said, "I guess it's new legislation on that that was just brought forward.

29) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3, 2007

**ROMNEY SIGNS SIMULCASTING LAW** Mitt Romney has signed a new law extending the state's **simulcasting** laws, which expired on New Year's Eve, leaving thousands of racetrack employees fearful about the future of their jobs.

30) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - FRIDAY, JAN. 5, 2007

In his final official hours in office, Romney approved a **simulcasting** law extension, a bill to curb organized dog fighting; and signed a law requiring all health clubs to install defibrillators.

31) AT DEADLINE, PETITIONS FILED TO LOWER VOTING AGE, BAN GREYHOUND RACING

"[Ballot proponents] bring nothing to the table except they're trying to destroy an industry that brings millions of dollars to the state each year," Gary Temple, **simulcasting** manager at the Raynham-Taunton Park, told the News Service last year when a similar measure was introduced.

32) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - MONDAY, FEB. 6, 2006

Tucker also said she expects the House to debate the bill in March, when an extension on the state law giving racetracks **simulcasting** rights is set to expire.

33) ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS TIE DOG RACING BAN TO SLOT MACHINE OPPOSITION

Meanwhile, another piece of legislation considered vital to the tracks' existence, the law permitting "**simulcasting**" of races for off-track betting, is set to expire at the end of March, after a 90-day extension was passed in December. Gary Temple, **simulcasting** manager at the Raynham-Taunton Park, which runs more than 7,000 greyhound races per year, accused the animal rights activists of spreading misleading information.

34) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006

David Flynn lashed out at House leadership on Tuesday, saying he plans to offer an amendment to legislation expanding health insurance that deals with the **simulcasting** rights of the state's racetracks and authorizes slot machines. Following a meeting with Senate President Robert Travaglini and Raynham Park owner George Carney today on the issue, Flynn (D-Bridgewater) said he has been given no assurances from House leaders that legislation to make **simulcasting** rights permanent at the four tracks will be debated by the end of March, when a three-month extension of **simulcasting** laws expires. Flynn said House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi has told him that a Senate-approved bill authorizing slot machines at the state's tracks will be debated only when the **simulcasting** issue is resolved.

35) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2006

**FLYNN SAYS HE'LL MOVE TO FORCE SIMULCASTING ISSUE** David Flynn (D-Bridgewater), who said he's ready to start making parliamentary motions in the House to force action on a bill permanently authorizing **simulcasting** at the state's racetracks.

36) ADVANCES - WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2006

In three weeks, the state's extended **simulcasting** laws are due to expire, so talks about the needs of racetracks, including their push for slot machines, will again be heating up.

37) ADVANCES - WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2006

House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi has said a **simulcasting** extension will be placed before his members before the current law expires on March 31. The owner of the Plainridge Racecourse in Plainville is already building a new **simulcasting** theater to handle increased business and has plans for further expansion to accommodate the addition of the hoped-for slot machines. Also looming is the expiration date of **simulcasting**, which was renewed at the end of last year for a three-month stint.

38) SLOTS SUPPORTERS STILL LOOKING FOR ANSWERS FROM HOUSE

A temporary extension of **simulcasting**, which permits off-track betting at the tracks, will expire at the end of the month if the Legislature does not agree to another extension.

"**Simulcasting** expires on March 31, and we have been hearing from the speaker's office: 'Oh, March, March, March.' Well, we're in March. In December, the last time **simulcasting** was set to expire, differences between track owners threatened to paralyze

the industry because the Legislature was meeting in informal sessions, during which the objection of a single member can block a vote.

39) HOUSE PLANS SLOTS DEBATE APRIL 5, SIMULCAST EXTENSION TO FOLLOW

With the expiration of **simulcasting**, which was extended late last year for three months, due next week, lawmakers plan to take up a one-month extension in a formal session on March 29, the aide said, and on the same day vote on an order guaranteeing "dates certain" on the big-ticket items. "Obviously, the plan is to take up health care next week and with the **simulcasting** extension set to expire, or sunset, on the 31st, we felt it was important that these two issues receive separate and distinct attention, appropriate levels of attention," the DiMasi aide said. Details of both the slots and long-term **simulcasting** extension bills are likely to evolve, as House backers this week said they have been garnering input on the formula through which the tracks would redirect their slots revenues to the state.

40) ADVANCES - WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2006

House debates on the introduction of slot machines (April 5) and the long-term rules governing **simulcasting** (April 10) are due to be set under orders that the House plans to consider on Wednesday.

41) HOUSE SESSION - MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** The House ordered to third reading H 4804 extending the **simulcasting** rights of the track and greyhound industry.

42) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006

**HOUSE ADVANCES SIMULCASTING EXTENSION** Returning from a three-hour recess, the House on Monday gave initial approval to a bill extending the state's **simulcasting** law for 30 days.

43) HOUSE SESSION - TUESDAY, MAR. 28, 2006

**SIMULCASTING:** The House engrossed H 4804 extending **simulcasting** for the racing industry.

44) SENATE SESSION - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2006

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** Question came on adopting a Pacheco/Creedon amendment to H 4804 extending **simulcasting** and racing law by one month.

45) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2006

The four racetracks who rely on revenues from televised races could see those races go dark if the House and Senate don't agree soon on the length of an extension to the state's **simulcasting** laws. "Simulcasting is keeping them going, so why string them along," said Morrissey. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) that would have authorized unlimited **simulcasting** at Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park.

46) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2006

Well, he was bothered enough by the way a bill to authorize racetrack **simulcasting** was progressing, or not progressing, that even observers in the House gallery were aware that was him ranting to someone. Having promised the House would debate the approval of slot machines at the state's four racing venues at or about the time it extended **simulcasting** rights, DiMasi said the slot machine legislation would be taken up April 5. As for Flynn, he was upset about the path of the **simulcasting** piece, but the natives are generally restless again on various fronts.

47) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006

In the gallery were representatives of the state's racetracks, which will see their **simulcasting** rights expire Friday, March 31 unless the House and Senate agree to an extension of the **simulcasting** law.

48) HOUSE SESSION - THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006

**SIMULCASTING:** At 3:41 pm, the House non-concurred with the Senate substitute (S 2469) for H 4804 extending **simulcasting** for the horse and greyhound racing industry in the Commonwealth.

49) WITH TRACKS POISED TO "GO DARK," LEGISLATURE TO SEEK SIMULCAST ACCORD FRIDAY

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MARCH 30, 2006.....The House and Senate spent Thursday testing wills over legislation that would extend **simulcasting** rights at four racetracks. The Senate on Wednesday rejected an amendment allowing unlimited **simulcasting** at the Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Racetrack. Most lawmakers, without tracks in their districts, are uninterested in the **simulcasting** saga.

50) HOUSE SESSION - FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2006

**SIMULCASTING:** The clerk read a paper from the Senate, which receded from its previous amendment to H 4804 and added a further amendment (S 2471).

**SIMULCASTING:** The clerk read the Senate's insistence on its original Dec.

51) SENATE SESSION - FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2006

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** On a motion of Sens. Morrissey and Lees, the Senate receded from its amendment extending **simulcasting** rights until Dec. Morrissey and Lees, S 2471, extending **simulcasting** rights until March 31, 2007.

52) LIGHTS OUT AT RACETRACKS THIS WEEKEND

Richard Ross (R-Wrentham) said after a days-long showdown between the House and Senate ended today without agreement on how long to extend the state's **simulcasting** law, which expires at midnight. The House wanted to extend the law for a month and has scheduled an April 10 floor debate on **simulcasting** proposals. Because the branches could not agree, the law expires and no **simulcasting**, the main attraction for bettors at the tracks, will be allowed at the racetracks this weekend.

53) SENATE SESSION - MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** The Senate received word that the House had non-concurred with the Senate's amendment to H 4804 extending **simulcasting** for the horse and greyhound racing industry in the Commonwealth and insisted on its own amendment.

54) HOUSE CHAIR SEES SLOTS AT TRACKS AS \$1.9 MILLION ANNUAL LOSS FOR STATE

While **simulcasting** remains the more immediate concern, track owners have portrayed slot machines as an industry messiah that would rescue more than 5,000 tracks jobs, and generate up to \$500 million in public money. While **simulcasting** lies dormant until lawmakers can arrive at agreement over the length of its extension - with the House pushing a month and the Senate backing an extension until Dec.

55) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006

The House and Senate made no overt attempts Monday to restore **simulcasting** rights at the state's racetracks, which expired Friday at midnight.

56) SENATE SESSION - TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006

I know he's in a meeting right now on **simulcasting**, which is very important.

**57) RALLY CRIES, CHANTS, ACCUSATIONS HURLED ON EVE OF HOUSE SLOTS DEBATE**

Last week, the House and Senate matched up in a test of wills over the length of a **simulcasting** extension, with senators remaining insistent this week on a yearlong stay, and the House pushing a one-month arrangement. The **simulcasting** law expired, forcing layoffs at the tracks over the weekend. When the legislation allowing **simulcasting** expired at the end of last month, following a three-month extension, it took with it the tax code governing live racing, forcing the tracks to operate under a less favorable formula if they hope to keep racing, analysts said.

**58) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006**

**SENATE ADJOURNS WITHOUT ACTION ON SIMULCASTING, CAMPUS POLICE BILLS** After unanimously approving legislation to expand access to affordable health insurance and shipping it to the governor's desk, Senators were unable to forge a compromise on other pending matters: allowing campus police to issue traffic tickets and extend the state's **simulcasting** law. The Senate is likely to take action on **simulcasting** legislation when it returns for an informal session on Thursday, if the House acts.

**59) HOUSE SESSION - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006 (BLOCK ONE)**

Without getting into the **simulcasting** issue that I hope we will take up later today, I wanted to address two reasons that I've heard. In 1992 we established **simulcasting**.

**60) HOUSE SESSION - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006 (BLOCK TWO)**

As far as **simulcasting** goes, we were the last state in the country to do that. We also talked about **simulcasting**.

**61) HOUSE THWARTS EFFORT TO INTRODUCE SLOT MACHINES**

After rejecting slots, the House turned immediately to the **simulcasting** law that expired last week, effectively shutting down three of the state's four tracks and temporarily costing hundreds of jobs. In a bit of parliamentary intrigue that has fixated small numbers of lawmakers periodically since **simulcasting** required a three-month extension since December, the branches have battled back and forth and within themselves over the details of the next extension. The **simulcasting** agreement now requires final Senate approval and Gov.

**62) HOUSE SESSION - THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006**

**SIMULCASTING:** The House, by a standing vote of 2-0, attached an emergency preamble to H 4804 extending **simulcasting** of horse and greyhound racing.

**SIMULCASTING:** The House enacted H 4804 extending **simulcasting** of horse and greyhound racing.

**63) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006**

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** By a standing vote of 2-0, the Senate attached an emergency preamble to H 4804 extending **simulcasting** rights to the racing industry, as amended.

**64) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2006**

The House voted to accept Senate language on **simulcasting**, so tracks that had "gone dark" now have the opportunity to reopen.

**65) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006**

**ROMNEY SIGNS SIMULCASTING BILL INTO LAW, REVIVING OFF-TRACK BETTING** Mitt Romney signed into law Thursday afternoon a bill resurrecting the state's **simulcasting** system, which allows bettors to wager at Massachusetts tracks on races

taking place elsewhere. The Legislature sent Romney the bill on Thursday morning, hoping to extend the state's expired **simulcasting** law until Dec.

66) ADVANCES - WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2006

"At one point they said we can't exist without slots, the next thing they say is they want **simulcasting** so that they can survive and make money, and then they're gonna come back again," DiMasi said, according to a transcript provided by CBS4.

67) SENATE PASSES BILL EXTENDING SIMULCASTING, HELPING SUFFOLK

The **simulcasting** extension would back the expiration date out by a year, relieving track owners from worrying about losing a crucial revenue source this year and removing a political bargaining chip from a persistently fractious debate over the racing industry's future. Another bill addressing the **simulcasting** interests of the state's three other racetracks is likely to surface "in the very near future," said Sen. State **simulcasting** laws lapsed at midnight on March 31, after months of intense lobbying and in-fighting among the tracks, including one meeting in the House Members Lounge that boiled over when Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park owner George Carney stormed out.

68) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - WEEK OF JULY 2, 2006

**SIMULCASTING BILL GETS QUICK PASSAGE IN QUIET SENATE** The bill would extend **simulcasting** licenses until the end of 2007, and allow Suffolk Downs to cut costs by reducing the number of live races it's required to run annually to 900, from 1,100.

69) ADVANCES - WEEK OF JULY 10, 2006

First, a loss on slots, then a stay of execution for off-track betting arrangements, and now, passed by the Senate and pending in the House, a plan to extend those **simulcasting** rights until the end of 2007.

70) SJC BLOCKS DOG RACING BAN

A resounding defeat in the Legislature of a proposal to introduce slot machines was followed by the resuscitation of **simulcasting**, the off-track betting broadcasts, after that law had expired. With formal legislative sessions ending July 31, the state's racing venues continue to disagree over details of the **simulcasting** law.

71) ADVANCES - WEEK OF JULY 24, 2006

A proposal to cut back on the number of races the Suffolk Downs horseracing facility must host while extending the current **simulcasting** arrangement until the end of next year passed the Senate and is now in the House Ways and Means Committee, with Wonderland Park seeking similar scalebacks. But Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park owner George Carney wants expanded **simulcasting** rights - which would allow more off-track betting - for his venue.

72) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006

Flynn says Plainridge enjoys unlimited **simulcasting** rights when Suffolk goes "dark" while Raynham-Taunton will lose business associated with betting there on live races at Suffolk. "We're on for today," said Flynn, who intends to push for an amendment giving Raynham-Taunton expanded daytime **simulcasting** rights. Flynn later said the racing bill would be postponed until Wednesday and that his amendment would allow unlimited **simulcasting** at Wonderland and Raynham-Taunton and extend the **simulcasting** law through 2007.

73) DIMASI REFLECTS ON SESSION, PORTRAYS A MORE ORDERLY, PRODUCTIVE HOUSE



He insisted he has never spoken to the Senate president on any matter related to gaming: "I haven't talked to Travaglini - not one thing, not about racetracks, not racing, not **simulcasting**, not gaming.

**74) LAYOFFS, TRAVEL PLANS, AGENDA DECISIONS COMPLICATE TALKS OVER SPECIAL SESSION**

In addition to the bond bill, some lawmakers want to see action on more spending veto overrides, legislation overhauling the welfare system rules, a bill rearranging **simulcasting** rights at racetracks, and legislation giving alleged victims of child sexual abuse more time to bring their cases to prosecutors.

**75) LEGISLATIVE LEADERS MEET, NO AGREEMENT REACHED ON SPECIAL SESSION DETAILS**

Other topics mentioned as potential subjects of a special session include **simulcasting** rights at racetracks, welfare reform, pandemic flu preparation, and extending the statute of limitations in child sexual abuse cases.

**76) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30, 2006**

"Raynham-Taunton officials are pushing for expanding **simulcasting** rights. The tracks went dark for six days at the start of this year after the **simulcasting** law expired Dec. The new law allowing **simulcasting** is scheduled to expire at the end of this year.

**77) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - THURSDAY, SEPT. 7, 2006**

**Simulcasting** details, a persistent matter during this legislative session as the state's racetracks jockey for competitive advantages, are a likely topic for Friday's informal House session, two senior House members said Wednesday. A DiMasi aide confirmed that **simulcasting** is on the agenda, but denied knowledge of an agreement.

**78) ADVANCES: WEEK OF SEPT. 11, 2006**

**SEX CRIMES STATUTE, SIMULCASTING BILLS BEFORE SENATE** "Marked by less harmony is the debate over what to do with **simulcasting**. The bill before the Senate extends the **simulcasting** law through Dec.

**79) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - FRIDAY, SEPT. 8, 2006**

**SIMULCASTING BILL HEADED BACK TOWARD SENATE** The House passed legislation this morning relative to **simulcasting**, after adopting a substitute bill from the House Ways and Means Chairman Robert DeLeo as changed by an amendment offered by Dean David Flynn. Richard Ross, who represents the district that includes the Plainridge Racecourse, said he hoped the Senate would approve a more equitable plan, saying the Flynn amendment unfairly slants **simulcasting** rules toward the Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park.

**80) FLYNN AND DOG-WELFARE ACTIVISTS ASK AG TO PROBE RACING ISSUES**

28 that reduced the number of days for dog and horse races at three state tracks so they could be eligible for **simulcasting** wagering. , Suffolk Downs and Plainridge Racecourse asked the state to reduce the number of races this year solely for the purpose of maintaining their **simulcasting** license, said Nicole St.

**81) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, OCT. 26, 2006**

**SIMULCASTING BILL:** Question came on H 5291 relative to **simulcasting**, the bill having been engrossed by the House. Pacheco said I'm disappointed that we're not able to take up today a bill that deals with **simulcasting** of racing signals in Massachusetts. In the past, the Raynham-Taunton track, a greyhound park in my section of the state, which employs hundreds and hundreds of people, has contracts with hundreds of small business,

and tremendous impact on regional economy of southeastern Massachusetts, has agreed from time to time allow extensions of **simulcasting** so we could try to come to some kind of compromise.

82) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - THURSDAY, OCT. 26, 2006

The owners of Raynham-Taunton Dog Track filed suit in Superior Court Thursday, seeking injunctive relief and alleging three other racetracks in Massachusetts are illegally **simulcasting** live racing events. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton) unsuccessfully attempted to force Senate action on a House-passed bill governing **simulcasting** rules. Scott Brown (R-Wrentham), whose district includes Plainridge, say that unless the tracks reach an agreement over **simulcasting**, the industry will be shut down come January.

83) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 2006

**AS LIGHTS DIM AT TRACKS, SENATE DELAYS ACTION ON SIMULCASTING BILL** The Senate and House, as well as the individual racetrack owners, continue to disagree over the details of rules governing the **simulcasting** of races at the four tracks, which depend on feeds to offer betting options to attendees, in addition to whatever live races are occurring. The Senate today opted to further delay, until next Thursday, action on legislation extending the **simulcasting** law beyond December 31.

84) ADVANCES: WEEK OF DEC. 17, 2006

A **simulcasting** extension bill is before the Senate this Thursday.

85) HOUSE LEADER PLANNING TO BRING ANTI-SLOTS ATTITUDE TO ADMINISTRATION

The **simulcasting** law is due to expire on Dec.

86) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - MONDAY, DEC. 18, 2006

**ANOTHER BID TO ADVANCE SIMULCASTING BILL FAILS** Robert Creedon (D-Brockton), who has many constituents who work at Raynham-Taunton Racetrack, blocked the Senate from considering legislation extending the **simulcasting** law that the state's four racetracks rely on for wagering options and a substantial portion of their revenues. Creedon's move during Monday's Senate session resulted in a Senate Ways and Means Committee version of the **simulcasting** bill being rerouted to the Senate Committee on Ethics and Rules.

87) 'LIKE SEAGULLS AT THE PARKING LOT,' LEGISLATORS FLOCK TO PATRICK

" Flynn spent part of the day unsuccessfully pushing for a **simulcasting** law extension.

88) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 2006

Flynn, on hand to monitor action on the **simulcasting** bill, and Paulsen, pushing a bicycling bill, were present at the entrance.

89) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 2006

" Major bills in the mix currently include legislation extending the **simulcasting** law, changing the membership on the state Public Health Council, and appropriating funds to help the state prepare for pandemic flu. But the bill extending the state's **simulcasting** laws never popped up during the morning portion of the Senate session and while both branches are meeting into the afternoon, racetrack representatives are not upbeat about a resolution today.

90) ADVANCES: WEEK OF DEC. 25, 2006

-- **SIMULCASTING LAW EXTENSION**: The state's four racetracks are again on the verge of a Jan. Track owners, frustrated by their inability to attain authorization to offer slot machines or turn themselves into casinos, fiercely compete with one another over

**simulcasting** rights, so much so that they're largely incapable of reaching any type of détente. Last Thursday, Senate President Robert Travaglini appeared to be trying to broker an agreement, but the **simulcasting** bill never came up and remains this week before the Senate.

91) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 2006

**SIMULCASTING**: Senators gathered around the rostrum to discuss legislation extending the **simulcasting** law, which expires Jan. **SIMULCASTING**: The Senate rejected a Ways and Means amendment to H 5291 relative to horse and greyhound racing in the Commonwealth.

92) HOUSE SESSION - THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 2006

**SIMULCASTING BILL**: The clerk began to read the Senate's amendment to H 5291 relative to horse and greyhound racing in the Commonwealth and Rep.

93) TRACKS FAIL TO REACH SIMULCAST AGREEMENT

-elect Deval Patrick for signals about his feelings toward the slot machine installations they covet, racing executives and lobbyists huddled in the State House near 10 pm, predicting a shutdown of their venues when the **simulcasting** law expires Dec. Late in the evening of the last scheduled day of legislative sessions this calendar year, interested lawmakers from both branches met shortly after 9 pm in House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi's office but failed to arrive at a compromise to extend **simulcasting**, the in-house broadcasts of off-track races that prop up the limping industry. The Senate okayed a compromise that would have restructured the **simulcasting** details for the tracks and prolonged the arrangement until Nov.

94) ADVANCES: WEEK OF JAN. 1, 2007

Without an extension of the **simulcasting** laws, the state's four racetracks will also shut down on a day that industry insiders say is usually one of the busiest of the year for betting on broadcast races.

95) SENATE SESSION - MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005 (BLOCK TWO)

**SIMULCASTING SUNSET**: Amendment 305 no name and 340 changing the **simulcasting** sunset date withdrawn.

96) HOUSE & SENATE FACE YEAR-END DEADLINE TO EXTEND SIMULCAST LAW

The state's **simulcasting** law that allows track-goers to bet on races run at other tracks, expires on Dec. According to the State Racing Commission, the **simulcasting** business brings in more than four times the annual revenue of live racing. But legislation to extend the **simulcasting** law, along with another to add slot machines at the tracks, may have hit a snag in the Legislature Thursday when the Senate opted to send them to a different committee than the House.

97) ADVANCES - Week of Sept. 26, 2005

That prospect will likely discourage any serious consideration of gambling legislation beyond the extension of **simulcasting**. In addition to the **simulcasting** bill with its Dec.

98) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - MONDAY, SEPT. 26, 2005

" The committee's revised agenda still contains bills dealing with the Lottery, racing, Keno and **simulcasting**, so there should still be plenty of debate about the promise and perils of gaming at Wednesday's hearing.

99) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - TUESDAY, SEPT. 27, 2005

The committee's revised agenda still contains bills dealing with the Lottery, racing, Keno and **simulcasting**

100) GAMING ADVOCATES PLEAD OLD CASE IN HOPES OF ATTRACTING NEW SUPPORT

"The only way to keep tracks open is to have **simulcasting** and slot machines together," Flynn said.

101) SENATE SESSION - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5, 2005

**SIMULCASTING LAW EXTENSION:** The Senate ordered to third reading S 2215 extending the **simulcasting** expiration date for the horse and greyhound racing industry in the Commonwealth. The bill was reported to the Senate floor from the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure as a new draft of S 232, a bill relative to **simulcasting** sponsored by Sen.

102) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5, 2005

**RACINO AMENDMENT EMERGES ON EVE OF SENATE DEBATE:** The Senate on Wednesday morning gave initial approval to a bill (S 2215) extending the **simulcasting** law through 2007, and an amendment allowing gaming machines at the state's four racetracks emerged later in the day. Racetracks depend on **simulcasting** races for revenue, but have been enmeshed in a years-long push to add slot machines at their venues and to legalize casinos.

103) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, OCT. 6, 2005

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** Question came on engrossing S 2215 extending the simulcast expiration date for the horse and greyhound industry. We approved a bill to extend the **simulcasting** law.

104) SENATE VOTES 26-9 TO BRING SLOT MACHINES TO MASSACHUSETTS

The legislation approved today extends the state's **simulcasting** law through 2007, allows so-called racinos at the four racetracks, and creates a Lottery and Gaming Commission, which would cover any lost Lottery revenue to cities and towns caused by the new gaming.

105) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - WEEK OF OCT. 3 2005

Well, the Senate bill - nominally concerning the extension of **simulcasting** at the state's four race tracks - was amended to allow the installation of 8,000 slot machines at those tracks, turning them into "racinos." Opponents - Gov.

106) HOUSE SESSION - MONDAY, OCT. 11, 2005

The **simulcasting** bill, the Senate took it and made it into slots.

107) ADVANCES - WEEK OF OCT. 17, 2005

The Senate attached its gaming expansion proposal to a bill extending the state's **simulcasting** law.

108) BOTH SIDES IN SLOTS DEBATE CLAIM TO HAVE VOTES IN HOUSE ON THEIR SIDE

Bosley also defended the committee's action in the past to extend the state's **simulcasting** law that allows racetrack-goers to place bets on televised races occurring in other states. The existing **simulcasting** law expires at the end of this year.

109) ADVANCES - WEEK OF NOV. 7, 2005

Those who'd like to further assist the ailing tracks by also allowing each of them to install thousands of slot machines will try to push for action on the Senate **simulcasting** bill to which the slot machines were added.

110) DEAN LOBBYING SPEAKER ON RACETRACK LEGISLATION

Convinced the measures would pass, the House's Dean is pushing its Speaker to permit debate on legislation that would allow slot machines and extend horserace **simulcasting**, and says that failure to do so could spell the end for the state's four racetracks. Without the **simulcasting** that allows facilities to show races from across the country, Flynn said, Raynham Park could go out of business, taking with it nearly 600 full- and part-time jobs. "What we're saying is, we can't exist without **simulcasting**," Flynn said.

111) SLOTS BACKERS RALLY AT STATE HOUSE STEPS FOR AN UP-OR-DOWN VOTE"

Flynn said he was "somewhat optimistic" that the House would take up legislation to extend "unlimited **simulcasting**," allowing the expanded broadcast of and betting on thoroughbred races from tracks across the country, before they expire on December 31.

112) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - WEEK OF NOV. 14, 2005

Racetrack representatives will push for unlimited **simulcasting** rights over the holidays.

113) ADVANCES - WEEK OF NOV. 21, 2005

The law allowing racetracks to allow wagering on races simulcast from other tracks expires at the end of this year, and racetrack owners are pushing for unlimited **simulcasting** rights.

114) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - TUESDAY, NOV. 22, 2005

**HOUSE SPEAKER BACKS SIMULCASTING EXTENSION** House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi said Tuesday that he agrees that the state's **simulcasting** law should be extended to help the state's four racetracks that rely on such betting remain open. Representatives at the state's four racetracks say they could not afford to stay open without **simulcasting** in place.

115) RACING COMMISSION CHIEF: LIVE RACING PURSES "NOT VERY BIG"

Magee, acting head of the State Racing Commission, said a refusal from Beacon Hill to renew **simulcasting** could devastate the state's four racetracks, which employ close to 5,000 people and rely on piped-in broadcasts of races from across the country for much of their revenue. "What's going to happen if they don't get the **simulcasting**, God only knows," Magee said, noting that as head of racing's oversight body he is neutral on the legislation. "The tracks certainly rely on the **simulcasting**."

116) ADVANCES - WEEK OF DEC. 5, 2005

**SIMULCASTING, CORRECTIONS BUDGET** The **simulcasting** law expires at the end of this year. House leaders aren't ready to debate slots, but Speaker DiMasi has indicated he favors extending the **simulcasting** law.

117) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 2005

**DIMASI: SIMULCASTING EXTENSION MAY SURFACE MONDAY, BUT...**

Speaker Salvatore DiMasi said Thursday that he may bring **simulcasting** legislation to the House floor on Monday, less than three weeks before the law that allows **simulcasting** expires, but another House member said he'd moved to block the bill's advancement. Track owners have said the end of **simulcasting** would doom the tracks, which rely on the revenues realized by wagering on races broadcast from other tracks.

118) ADVANCES - WEEK OF DEC. 12, 2005

**EMISSIONS, MINI-BUDGET, SIMULCASTING** David Flynn (D-Bridgewater) plans to block an extension bill in his quest for unlimited **simulcasting** rights and a pledge from House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi (D-Boston) to allow the House to debate legalizing slot machines.

119) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - MONDAY DEC. 12, 2005

**SIMULCASTING TALKS CONTINUE, HOUSE ACTION EXPECTED THIS WEEK**

" Flynn is planning to object to the advancement of any legislation extending the state's **simulcasting** law that doesn't allow the Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park to have unlimited **simulcasting** rights during the months that other tracks in the state do not have live racing. Flynn said today that he hopes to continue discussions on Tuesday to advance a bill that extends the **simulcasting** law during a House session Wednesday.

120) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - TUESDAY, DEC. 13, 2005

**SIMULCASTING BILL WILL COME TO FLOOR WEDNESDAY, SAYS FLYNN** A bill addressing the state's soon-to-expire **simulcasting** law is now expected to come to the House floor tomorrow, according to its most visible backer, Dean David Flynn of Bridgewater. After today's House session, Flynn spoke with Bosley and others in the House Chamber, then told the News Service the House will take up some form of **simulcasting** legislation tomorrow, but that he wasn't sure what it would be.

121) HOUSE SESSION - WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 2005

**SIMULCASTING:** The clerk at 11:21 am announced that the Ways and Means has reported H 4571 extending the **simulcasting** expiration date for the horse and greyhound racing industry.

122) RACETRACKS DEADLOCKED OVER SIMULCASTING LEGISLATION

Disagreements over the parameters of **simulcasting**, the racing broadcasts that allow off-track betting at various venues, pitted lawmakers and racetrack owners in opposing camps, vowing to block the renewal of **simulcasting** itself before its expiration date of December 31. House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi, meanwhile, said he would maintain a "hands-off approach" on the **simulcasting** legislation but indicated he would prevent a vote to allow slot machines, desired by all four tracks, from coming to the floor unless track executives rally around a unified approach. Jack Magee, acting head of the State Racing Commission, said the commission has no stance on which bill the House should pursue, but said the end of **simulcasting** would be "devastating" to the industry.

123) HOUSE SESSION - THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 2005

**SIMULCASTING:** Question came on H 4571 extending the **simulcasting** expiration date for the horse and greyhound racing industry.

124) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 2005

The House, as it did on Wednesday, adjourned after a lawmaker opposed to a **simulcasting** plan doubted the presence of a quorum.

125) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - WEEK OF DEC. 12, 2005

House and Senate leaders said the tracks need to reach agreement among themselves, or risk an industry shutdown as the **simulcasting** law now on the books is due to expire in two weeks.

126) ADVANCES - Week of Dec. 19, 2005

Among the more pressing and contentious bits of legislation facing the Legislature is a **simulcasting** extension bill, which has racetracks and representatives locked in a staredown. David Flynn, Democrat of Bridgewater, moved to tack amendments favoring Raynham Park on to legislation that would simply roll over the existing **simulcasting** law. If neither side blinks before the end of the year, **simulcasting** will expire, potentially casting the state's four racetracks into significant peril.

127) HOUSE SESSION - MONDAY, DEC. 19, 2005

**SIMULCASTING EXPIRATION DATE:** Question came on H 4571 a bill extending the **simulcasting** expiration date for the horse and greyhound racing industry in the Commonwealth, coming first on an amendment offered by Rep.

128) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - MONDAY, DEC. 19, 2005

The racing industry remains on track for a shutdown, with track owners at odds over changes to a **simulcasting** law that expires Dec. Track owners and executives and their lobbyists continue to appear regularly in halls and in the House gallery, with all sides aware that the end of **simulcasting** would spell shutdown - at least temporarily - for the tracks, resulting in the loss of thousands of jobs. Last week, House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi offered a verbal commitment, track advocates said, that an agreement over **simulcasting** would lead to a vote on slot machine legislation by mid-March.

129) HOUSE SESSION - TUESDAY, DEC. 20, 2005

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** Question came on adopting an amendment offered by Rep. Flynn to H 4571 a bill extending the **simulcasting** expiration date for the horse and greyhound racing industry in the Commonwealth. **SIMULCASTING:** At 1:35 pm, the question came on engrossing H 4571 extending **simulcasting**.

130) SIMULCAST BILL MOVES AS NORTHAMPTON FAIR SUSPENDS 150-YEAR-OLD RACING PROGRAM

Legislation that would extend **simulcasting** was temporarily dislodged from a House stalemate Tuesday, but now heads to a skeptical Senate with an amendment whose own sponsors anticipate its removal. The bill, which extends the ability of the state's four major racetracks to broadcast races from other venues for the purposes of off-track betting, passed the House with an amendment that would expand **simulcasting** rights at Raynham Park and the Brockton Fair. Both provisions had stalled the bill in the House for weeks, with the prospect that the tracks and their representative lawmakers could not agree before the **simulcasting** policy expired at midnight on December 31.

131) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 2005

**DIMASI COOL TO 90-DAY EXTENSION OF SIMULCASTING** House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi signaled Tuesday night that a 90-day extension of the state's **simulcasting** policy likely wouldn't meet his requirement for an agreement on that bill before the House votes on legislation legalizing slot machines. " DiMasi said a 90-day stay for **simulcasting**, set to expire December 31, likely would lead to additional legislative wrangling early next year year that could prove untimely during an election season.

132) HOUSE SESSION - THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 2005

**SIMULCASTING:** The House was informed that the Senate has amended H 4585 to extend **simulcasting** in the Commonwealth.

133) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 2005

**SIMULCASTING BILL:** Question came on H 4585 an act to extend **simulcasting**. Sens Brown and Morrissey offered an amendment extending the expiration date of **simulcasting** from Dec.

134) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 2005

**SIMULCASTING BILL BLOCKED AGAIN IN HOUSE** The Senate voted Thursday morning to remove provisions attached to the **simulcasting** bill on Tuesday by the House, and sent the bill back there with its own amendment extending the expiration date of **simulcasting** from Dec.

135) ADVANCES - WEEK OF DEC. 26, 2005

House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi has warned that if his colleagues can't reach an agreement on **simulcasting**, he will not be disposed to bring to the House floor next year a Senate-approved plan to give each of the four tracks 2,000 slot machines.

**SIMULCASTING NEARING EXPIRATION WITH NO RESOLUTION IN SIGHT:**

"The current law, which allows betting on televised racing broadcast from other tracks, expires Dec. Infighting among track owners over **simulcasting** rights has contributed to the lack of legislative action, although officials are trying to work out a compromise and approve a bill early in January... However, if the law expires, **simulcasting** - something track owners say they need for their business to survive - would be eliminated, forcing them to close." That is from a 1999 article in The Boston Globe, and accurately describes the current state of the simulcast debate.

136) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - TUESDAY, DEC. 27, 2005

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION STILL IN DOUBT, WITH UNDER A WEEK TO GO** Lawmakers on Tuesday remained at an impasse on an agreement that would extend the state's expiring **simulcasting** law. The issue over how to renew the **simulcasting** law has been tied up in the House for several weeks, with lawmakers disagreeing on whether to extend racing rights at individual tracks or approve a straight extension of the current law that allows tracks to broadcast races from other tracks.

137) SENATE SESSION - WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28, 2005

**SIMULCASTING:** The Senate received word that the House has further amended H 4585 the **simulcasting** bill. **SIMULCASTING:** The Senate attached an emergency preamble and later enacted H 4585 relating to the **simulcasting** law.

138) HOUSE SESSION - DEC. 28, 2005

**SIMULCASTING:** A question came on H 4585 a bill extending the simulcast expiration date for the horse and greyhound racing industry in the Commonwealth, which came from Senate with an amendment. **SIMULCASTING BILL:** By a standing vote of 2-0, the House adopted an emergency preamble to H 4585, the **simulcasting** bill.

**SIMULCASTING BILL:** The House enacted H 4585 an act extending the simulcast expiration date for the horse and greyhound racing industry in the Commonwealth.

139) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28, 2005

**TEMPORARY SIMULCASTING DÉTENTE** 31 expiration date of **simulcasting** for 90 days. The three-month extension could give the four major racetracks an opportunity to resolve significant differences of opinion over **simulcasting** rights.

140) ADVANCES - WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2006

Last week's deal to extend **simulcasting** rights at the state's four racetracks was just a temporary three-month fix and further debate is scheduled in coming months.

141) STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS - FRIDAY, DEC. 30, 2005

**HEALEY SIGNS SIMULCASTING, PRESCRIPTION DRUG BILLS:** Lt.

142) HOUSE SESSION: THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003

Two years ago we reported out a revenue neutral **simulcasting** bill.

143) HOUSE SESSION - THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2002

The racetracks are on the rebound, thanks to **simulcasting**.

144) ADVANCES (WEEK OF AUG. 5, 2002)

Other laws enacted during the waning months of 2000 related to genetic testing and privacy protections, the civil commitment process for mentally ill persons, teacher



certification, **simulcasting** of horse and dog races, group marketing plans, communications with psychologists, and health care coverage for those with speech and hearing disorders.

145) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, SEPT. 19, 2002

WONDERLAND GREYHOUND PARK: The Senate placed on file a report from Wonderland Greyhound Park outlining its **simulcasting** contacts.

146) WHAT'S UP? VOLUME 1

The racing industry in Massachusetts - two dog tracks and two horse tracks - say they need expanded **simulcasting** rights to survive.

147) ADVANCES (WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2001)

Also expected to attract attention this week are Government Regulations Committee hearings on racing, casino and **simulcasting** bills and a hearing on legislation to stem the litter stream created by discarded State Lottery tickets. RACING & GAMING: All bills calling for expanded gaming, **simulcasting**, casinos - you name it - will be heard Thursday by the Government Regulations Committee.

148) THREE TRACKS ANNOUNCE SIMULCASTING AGREEMENT, FOURTH TRACK BALKS

Less than three months after state lawmakers had to rescue them from their own intransigence, the owners of the state's thoroughbred and greyhound racetracks announced Thursday that they've agreed to a package of **simulcasting** reforms. In December, the Legislature passed a six-month extension of the **simulcasting** law, which allows track-goers to bet on live broadcast races. The extension became necessary after the owners were unable to agree on how to divvy lucrative **simulcasting** rights, currently controlled entirely by Suffolk Downs.

149) STATE AID FOR STRUGGLING TRACKS PART OF BILL TO RESCUE RACING INDUSTRY

In December, the Legislature passed a six-month extension of the **simulcasting** law, which allows track-goers to bet on televised races. The extension became necessary after track owners were unable to agree on how to divvy lucrative **simulcasting** rights, currently controlled entirely by Suffolk Downs. Bosley said he's worried about the several thousand jobs at stake if the tracks suffer a potentially fatal blow from the loss of **simulcasting**.

150) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - WEEK OF MAY 28, 2001

SIMULCASTING BILL ADVANCES

151) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JUNE 4, 2001)

The omnibus legislation extends until December 2004 the life of the state's **simulcasting** law, which allows track gamblers to place bets on races broadcast from other locales, and is set to expire on June 30. The tracks say the extension of lucrative **simulcasting** capabilities is crucial to their continued viability, and they're signaling willingness to accept lawmakers' proposed redistribution of the rights - taking some control away from the Suffolk Downs horse track and giving it to the two dog tracks in Revere and Raynham/Taunton.

152) NEWS BRIEFS - MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2001

SIMULCASTING BILL HEADED INTO THE FINAL STRETCH

Racing/**simulcasting** legislation is likely to hit the House floor for debate next week, after the Government Regulations Committee today approved an omnibus bill on a 9-4

vote. The Legislature is rushing to deal with the issue before the **simulcasting** law, which allows people to bet on broadcast races, expires on June 30.

153) LOCAL OFFICIALS TEAM UP WITH ANIMAL ACTIVISTS TO OPPOSE RACING BILL

The House is planning a full formal session for next week to consider an omnibus bill that extends the state's soon-to-expire **simulcasting** law for another three years.

**Simulcasting** allows track-goers to place bets on broadcasts of races from around the world, and provides tracks with most of their money. The legislation is moving quickly because the **simulcasting** law expires after June 30, and resistance is expected from animal rights activists, who narrowly lost a ballot question last year that would have banned dog racing.

154) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JUNE 11, 2001)

**SIMULCASTING LAW:** Does the racing industry deserve taxpayer assistance to boost purses and help grow business? Speaker Thomas Finneran has indicated the so-called **simulcasting** bill, which extends the law's governing permissible betting on broadcast races, will hit the House floor this month, possibly Wednesday. In addition to the three and a half year extension of the **simulcasting** law, the bill (H 2306) contains \$2 million in direct state aid to make purses more competitive with tracks in other states.

155) RACING BILL'S LOTTERY PROPOSAL GENERATING HEAT ON MULTIPLE FRONTS

The House on Wednesday is likely to take up omnibus racing industry legislation that would extend the state's **simulcasting** law for over three years, and provide an array of taxpayer subsidies to Massachusetts' two dog tracks and two horse tracks. Rivera also plans to offer an amendment banning all **simulcasting** of dog racing. **Simulcasting** allows track-goers to bet on races broadcast from elsewhere.

156) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JUNE 18, 2001)

Meanwhile, the state's **simulcasting** law, critical to racetrack operations, expires in two weeks and it doesn't look like there will be action on it in either branch this week.

157) JOCKEYING CONTINUES OVER SHAPE OF RACING/SIMULCASTING LEGISLATION

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, JUNE 21, 2001.....The House Ways and Means Committee stripped \$5-7 million in subsidies out of omnibus **simulcasting**/racing legislation before shipping it to the House for formal debate on Monday. "We felt that we should bifurcate the two issues (subsidies and **simulcasting**)." The main thrust of the newly pared-down bill is to extend the state's **simulcasting** law, which allows gamblers to bet on races broadcast from other venues.

158) WEEKLY ROUNDUP-WEEK OF JUNE 18, 2001

The newest version of legislation to re-authorize **simulcasting** at horse and dog tracks took out all state subsidies, and a lottery game to help the industry.

159) THE ADVANCES (WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2001)

**RACING/SIMULCASTING:** A "revenue neutral" racing/**simulcasting** bill hits the House floor Monday for formal debate. The bill's *raison d'être* remains intact - an extension of the state's **simulcasting** law, which is set to expire after June 30.

**Simulcasting** allows gamblers to place bets on races broadcast from other venues, and is the big rainmaker for the tracks.

160) HOUSE SESSION - MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2001

**NEW SIMULCASTING BILL:** The House admitted and referred to the Government Regulations Committee a new bill, filed by Speaker Thomas Finneran, providing for a temporary extension of horse and simulcast wagering law, until July 31, 2001.

**RACING/SIMULCASTING:** Question came on adoption of a Ways and Means amendment substituting new text for H 4197 providing for improvements to the horse and greyhound racing industry and the regulation thereof. With the expansion of **simulcasting**, which we're going to do later, they've got to make improvements.

**161) HOUSE SWEETENS RACING BILL WITH \$\$ FOR TRACKS, DESPITE HEATED PROTEST**

On a vote of 101-38, the House ultimately approved an expanded version of a bill whose main purpose was to extend the state's lucrative **simulcasting** law indefinitely. This morning, House Speaker Thomas Finneran filed a new bill providing a one-month extension of the **simulcasting** law.

**162) SENATE SESSION - WEDNESDAY, June 27, 2001**

Meanwhile, the Senate will recess subject to the call of the chair, awaiting the arrival of the House-approved **simulcasting** bill. **SIMULCASTING:** By standing vote, the Senate attached an emergency preamble to the **simulcasting** bill and later enacted it.

**163) HOUSE SESSION - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2001**

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** The House ordered to third reading and engrossed H 4265 one-month extension of the laws governing simulcast wagering on horse and dog racing.

**164) WEEKLY ROUNDUP-WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2001.**

The House passed a **simulcasting**/racing industry support bill Monday that adds about \$6 million in aid to tracks, racing workers and compulsive gamblers. **Simulcasting** rules were unchanged; the dog and harness tracks get limited rights to **simulcasting** horse racing, but not the full rights they wanted. One major change: **simulcasting** rights would be granted indefinitely, preventing the kind of lurching trauma and brinkmanship that has marked this debate over the years.

**165) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2001**

**SIMULCASTING AT FAIRS:** The Senate **REJECTED** Creedon amendment relative to uniform **simulcasting** authority at county fairs. Lees asked for an explanation of Creedon amendment 12 **simulcasting** at Plymouth County State or County Fair.

**166) NEWS BRIEFS - THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2001**

Both industries are operating under a temporary extension of the law allowing track owners limited **simulcasting** rights.

**167) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JULY 23, 2001)**

A so-called **simulcasting** bill to assist the state's ailing horse and dog tracks has passed both branches and this week differences will be examined to determine whether the two versions must go to a conference committee.

**168) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JULY 30, 2001)**

Before recessing this week, lawmakers are expected to finish work on a so-called **simulcasting** bill to help the states ailing horse and dog racing industry.

**169) HOUSE SESSION - TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2001**

**60-DAY SIMULCASTING LAW EXTENSION:** Under Rule 35, S 2074 the Senate substitute for H 4261 improvements to the horse and greyhound racing industry was referred to the Ways and Means Committee. **SIMULCASTING BILL CONFERENCE**

COMMITTEE: The House non-concurred with S 2074 improvements to the horse and greyhound industry and insisted on its own version of the bill, H 4261. RACING BILL: At 6:15, the House concurred with a Senate amendment shortening the **simulcasting** law extension to 15 days.

170) SENATE SESSION - TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2001

**SIMULCASTING:** The question came on H 4435 extending **simulcasting** of races.

171) SENATE SESSION - WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1, 2001

**RACING/SIMULCASTING BILL:** The Senate insisted on its version (S 2074) of legislation relative to **simulcasting**, horse and dog racing and adopted a motion to appoint members to a conference committee.

172) ADVANCES (WEEK OF AUG. 6, 2001)

Yet another deadline for having a new **simulcasting** law on the books hits next week.

173) ADVANCES (WEEK OF AUG. 13, 2001)

**SIMULCASTING:** It seems like lawmakers just finished dealing with the racing **simulcasting** law, but now it's about to expire again. The racetracks say that without **simulcasting**, they could be forced out of business.

174) SENATE SESSION - MONDAY, AUG. 13, 2001

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** The Senate ordered to third reading, engrossed and later enacted H 4459 extending the **simulcasting** law.

175) HOUSE SESSION - MONDAY, AUG. 13, 2001

**SIMULCASTING:** The House admitted a message from the governor recommending legislation to extend the law governing wagering on horse and dog racing until Sept.

**MORE SIMULCASTING:** The Rules Committee recommended "ought to pass" on H 4459 extending the law governing simulcast wagering until Sept.

176) NEWS BRIEFS - MONDAY, AUG. 13, 2001

A conference committee is considering House and Senate plans to boost purses at the tracks, help shore up facilities, and spell out permissible **simulcasting** activities.

Lawmakers have been unsuccessfully trying to work out a compromise since December 1999, when the original **simulcasting** law was extended for the first time.

177) ADVANCES (WEEK OF SEPT. 24, 2001)

**SIMULCASTING:** The laws authorizing and regulating which live dog and horse races that Massachusetts racetracks are allowed to simulcast expires on Sunday, Sept.

178) HOUSE SESSION - THURSDAY, SEPT. 27, 2001

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** Acting Gov. **SIMULCASTING:** The Committee on Rules recommended that H 4587 ought to pass. **SIMULCASTING:** The House adopted an emergency preamble and enacted H 4587 extending the simulcast wagering of horse and dog racing law until Oct.

179) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, SEPT. 27, 2001

**SIMULCASTING:** Upon returning, the Senate ordered to a third reading and engrossed H 4587 continuation of **simulcasting** and racing. **MORE SIMULCASTING AND**

**OPEN CONTAINERS:** By standing votes, the Senate attached emergency preambles to H 4586 open container law, and H 4587 **simulcasting**.

180) ADVANCES (WEEK OF OCT. 8, 2001)

**SIMULCASTING DEADLINE:** The law governing horse and dog track **simulcasting** rights, tax credits and capital assistance is about to expire again. The latest extension of the **simulcasting** law expires on Monday, Oct.

181) HOUSE SESSION - THURSDAY, OCT. 11, 2001

**SIMULCASTING:** The governor's special message extending **simulcasting** authority at the state's racetracks through Nov. O'Flaherty explained that the Senate will not convene until 1 pm and the House will wait for final action on the **simulcasting** bill and "some other items" that will be acted upon today. **SIMULCASTING:** The House enacted the **simulcasting** extension.

182) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, OCT. 11, 2001

**SIMULCASTING:** The Senate ordered to third reading and engrossed H 4652 **simulcasting** horse and dog races. **MORE SIMULCASTING:** Question came on enactment of H 4652 relative to **simulcasting** horse and dog races. **SIMULCASTING:** The Senate enacted H 4652 relative to **simulcasting** horse and dog races.

183) ADVANCES (WEEK OF OCT. 15, 2001)

**RACING:** Sources familiar with negotiations over the future of **simulcasting** at horse and dog tracks say a conference committee appointed to resolve longstanding differences will likely announce their compromise this week. Lawmakers last week extended the **simulcasting** law until Nov.

184) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - WEEK OF OCT. 15, 2001

Representatives also approved legislation slapping drunk drivers with a surcharge to compensate their victims, but took no action on a bill extending the deadline for legal **simulcasting**, legislation vital to the struggling racing industry here.

185) HOUSE SESSION - TUESDAY, OCT. 30, 2001

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** The clerk announced that Acting Gov. Swift on Monday filed legislation extending the law governing **simulcasting** wagering for horse and dog racing. **SIMULCASTING:** The Rules Committee recommended that H 4697 extending simulcast wagering of horse and dog racing ought to pass.

186) SENATE SESSION - TUESDAY, OCT. 30, 2001

**SIMULCASTING:** The Senate ordered to third reading and engrossed H 4697 extending the laws governing **simulcasting** of horse and dog racing.

187) NEWS BRIEFS - WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7, 2001

The bill also allows phone betting, lays out a new **simulcasting** agreement and creates a retired greyhound adoption fund and council.

188) ADVANCES (WEEK OF NOV. 12, 2002)

The bill adjusts **simulcasting** rights, authorizes phone betting and allows the state's four race tracks to reclaim more than \$3 million in pari-mutuel taxes and unclaimed winning tickets.

189) ISSUES 2000: AN ELECTION YEAR, ANOTHER BUDGET AND A PACKED AGENDA

" In 2000, greyhound racing, **simulcasting** rights and slot machines are more likely legislative topics than casinos.

190) ADVANCES (WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2000)

**RACING COMMISSION:** Expanded **simulcasting**, off-track betting, tax law changes, slot machines, account wagering, full-fledged casinos, purses and a ban on dog racing are all expected to be part of the broad debate upcoming over the future of the state's horse and dog racing industry, which employs about 8,000 people directly and indirectly.

191) AS RACING INDUSTRY LAGS BEHIND, LAWMAKERS SEEK SOLUTIONS

The special commission was created under the 11th-hour legislation approved last December to extend the state's **simulcasting** law for another year. The divergence is caused by the advent of **simulcasting** in 1992. Hutchinson cited **simulcasting** as a top policy area that lawmakers must address.

192) NEW REPORT: BAN ON DOG RACING COULD DEVASTATE LOCAL ECONOMIES

Track owners are due to submit business plans - including **simulcasting** data, the tracks' impact on surrounding businesses and the community, and what would happen if they disappeared - to the Racing Commission by April 1.

193) ADVANCES (WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2000)

The special legislative commission, which was authorized under last December's 11th hour legislation to extend the state's **simulcasting** law for one year, is aiming to put together a report and legislative recommendations by the end of April or early May, in between the House and Senate budget debates. The owners of both dog and horseracing tracks are due to submit business plans - including **simulcasting** data, the tracks' impact on surrounding businesses and the community, and what would happen if they disappeared - to the State Racing Commission by April 1.

194) COMMISSION EXAMINING RACING IS COOL TO LATEST PUSH FOR SLOT MACHINES

With the state's extended **simulcasting** law expiring this year, lawmakers are revisiting all gaming laws. The alternatives to casinos, characterized as "Band-Aids" by one gaming expert, include unlimited **simulcasting**, off-track betting parlors, tax relief and phone betting, also known as account wagering. Many believe that just as **simulcasting** boosted track operations in the '90s, slots are the salvation for the tracks now.

195) WEEKLY ROUNDUP (WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2000)

Alternatives to slots include phone betting, expanded or unlimited **simulcasting** and off-track better parlors.

196) ADVANCES (WEEK OF MAY 1, 2000)

**RACING COMMISSION:** With the state's extended **simulcasting** law due to expire at the end of the year, lawmakers are considering changes designed to give more economic opportunities to race tracks here that are losing ground to casinos and tracks in other states.

197) TRACK OWNERS INDICATING AGREEMENT ON ATMS, ROTATING SWEEPS PROPOSAL

The state's **simulcasting**, or televised betting, law expires at the end of this year, and some lawmakers are afraid thousands of track workers will lose their jobs if tracks aren't permitted to expand operations in some way. But agreement on expanding **simulcasting** is so far proving elusive, with the competing tracks jockeying to ensure their interests are represented in the final legislation. The dog tracks, Raynham-Taunton and Wonderland, want to offer expanded **simulcasting**.

198) ADVANCES (WEEK OF MAY 8, 2000)

**RACING:** The special commission studying the future of the racing industry has not released its legislative recommendations and last week put the pressure on racetrack owners to strike their own deal on expanded **simulcasting** rights. In addition to **simulcasting**, commission members are considering phone betting, a sweepstakes program and tax breaks to provide fiscal relief to tracks.

199) RACE TRACK OWNERS CAN'T GET ALONG; LAWMAKERS PREPARING TO INTERVENE

With race track owners reporting that they're still deadlocked over **simulcasting** rights, lawmakers today signaled that they intend to step into the breach with draft legislation by the end of the month. The **simulcasting** law - which allows televised betting from around the country and world - is operating under a temporary, one-year extension that expires on Dec. Currently, Suffolk Downs controls **simulcasting** signals.

200) ADVANCES (WEEK OF MAY 15, 2000)

The commission is not likely to make its legislative recommendations this week, and will continue looking at phone betting, **simulcasting** rights, sweepstakes games, taxation of tracks, reinvesting unclaimed winnings, and other ways to boost purses.

201) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2000)

But the real problem, according to Morrissey, is the track owners still can't agree on a plan to apportion **simulcasting** rights. It's unclear whether legislators will impose their own plan, give the owners more time to negotiate, or let the clock run out on the existing **simulcasting** law, which would force the racing industry to shut down.

202) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JUNE 26, 2000)

**NEW RACING LEGISLATION:** Expanded **simulcasting**, phone betting and the dedication of unclaimed earnings to purses are the major recommendations of a special commission rewriting state laws governing racing. Panel members have expressed frustration that major industry players have been unable to strike their own agreement on how best to share **simulcasting** signals, which allow track-goers to place bets on televised races.

203) NO CONSENSUS ON RACING REFORMS, BUT LAWMAKERS PLAN TO ACT ANYWAY

The members of the commission, which was authorized by last year's law extending the state's **simulcasting** statute, met today to receive comments from track owners and others on draft legislation released last Friday. The main point of contention in the draft bill is the partial expansion of **simulcasting** privileges, currently under the full control of the Suffolk Downs horse track, to Raynham/Taunton Greyhound Park and Wonderland Greyhound Park in Revere. The track owners have been negotiating for years over whether and how to share the lucrative **simulcasting** rights, which allow gamblers to place bets on televised races.

204) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - (WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2000)

Top officials from Suffolk Downs and the Wonderland dog track told the commission Wednesday they aren't being allowed enough **simulcasting**, nor enough exclusivity of revenue from the remote-track action.

205) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JULY 3, 2000)

The owners of the state's one thoroughbred track, two greyhound tracks and one harness track all balked at the changes contained in the draft, particularly the proposed expansion of **simulcasting**. The commission, established by a law last year temporarily extending the **simulcasting** law, took the initiative on the legislation after the track owners were unable to reach an accord on the divvying up of the lucrative **simulcasting** rights, currently under the full control of Suffolk Downs. The two dog tracks - Wonderland in Revere and Raynham/Taunton - want even more **simulcasting** ability than the limited expansion they received in the draft.

206) WEEKLY ROUNDUP - (WEEK OF JULY 3, 2000)

**RACING PANEL PLAN ALLOWS SIMULCASTING, BUT NOT SLOTS** It recommends telephone betting become legal in Massachusetts; advocates creation of a \$3 million fund to increase prizes at racetracks; suggest expansion of **simulcasting** of races in other parts of the country; but does not call for allowing more slot machines at racetracks.

207) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JULY 17, 2000)

The pending legislation, among other things, expands **simulcasting**, authorizes phone betting and dedicates unclaimed earnings to purses. Track owners had asked for more - slot machines and more generous **simulcasting** rights - but couldn't agree on the best way to structure televised races from around the country.

208) LAWMAKERS NERVOUS AS TIME RUNS OUT FOR SIMULCASTING, RACING REFORM

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, JULY 17, 2000.....Key lawmakers today expressed fears that a continuing dispute among the state's racetrack owners over the divvying of lucrative **simulcasting** rights will threaten passage of a bill designed to shore up the entire racing industry. The bill reallocates **simulcasting** rights to allow dog tracks in Revere and Raynham/Taunton to broadcast more live thoroughbred races - signals that are currently locked up by Boston's horseracing track, Suffolk Downs. In addition to **simulcasting**, the 46-page bill touches on seemingly every aspect of the racing industry.

209) WEEKLY ROUNDUP: GOVERNOR'S VETO POWER ENHANCED AS SESSION WINDS DOWN

The legislation would allow phone betting, increase purses to make the tracks more competitive, and expand **simulcasting**.

210) ADVANCES (WEEK OF JULY 24, 2000)

The most controversial aspects of the bill are the reallocation of lucrative **simulcasting** rights and the creation of "account wagering," which will allow gamblers to set up accounts at tracks and phone in bets. If the bill comes up during a formal session this week, look for amendments pushed by the dog tracks attempting to secure even more **simulcasting** privileges and financial breaks than they receive in the legislation. Proponents of the bill are in a hurry to get it done before the end of formal sessions because the **simulcasting** law is operating under a temporary extension that expires on Dec.

211) WEEKLY ROUNDUP (WEEK OF NOV. 6, 2000)

Lawmakers have been cool to requests from track operators for slot machines, phone betting and expanded **simulcasting** and must extend the current racing law by the end of the year or risk watching the tracks shut down?

212) ADVANCES (WEEK OF NOV. 13, 2000)

The state's existing **simulcasting** law, which is operating under a one-year extension from last year, is set to expire again on Dec. "**Simulcasting** will expire at midnight this year. The horse tracks, Suffolk Downs in Boston and Plainridge harness track in Plainville, will be allowed to conduct live races but no **simulcasting**.

213) FINNERAN SORRY TO LOSE HALEY, PREDICTS FAST ACTION ON SIMULCASTING

Two major issues - racing **simulcasting** and clean elections - "will probably dictate that the pace is fairly aggressive," he said. The **simulcasting** law, which is operating under a



one-year extension, expires on Dec. The track owners, however, have been unable all year to agree on how the lucrative **simulcasting** rights should be divvied.

214) ADVANCES (WEEK OF DEC. 18, 2000)

**SIMULCASTING**: The buzz in the hallways holds that lawmakers may be looking to ride to the rescue of the racing industry in the next couple of weeks, in a repeat of last year's 11th-hour extension of the **simulcasting** law. But a consensus seems to be emerging among the tracks that any **simulcasting** is better than no **simulcasting**, since broadcast is where they reap their major revenues.

215) WEEK IN BRIEF

Will **simulcasting** stopgap bill surface?

216) HOUSE SESSION - Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/SIMULCASTING**: The question came on ordering to third reading H 5510 a supplemental budget to fund collective bargaining agreements with correctional offices. **RACING/BARGAINING**: The House engrossed H 5510 **simulcasting**/collective bargaining supplemental budget. **RACING/BARGAINING**: The House adopted an emergency preamble to H 5510 **simulcasting**/collective bargaining supplemental budget.

217) SENATE SESSION - THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 2000

Birmingham said we are waiting for a supplemental budget from the House, which we're told contains a **simulcasting** extension. **BARGAINING/SIMULCASTING**: The Senate ordered to third reading and engrossed H 5510 making appropriations to fund certain collective bargaining agreements, and providing for simulcast wagering on horse and dog racing. **BARGAINING/SIMULCASTING**: On standing vote of 2-0, the Senate attached an emergency preamble to H 5510 making appropriations to fund certain collective bargaining agreements, and providing for simulcast wagering.

218) ADVANCES (WEEK OF DEC. 25, 2000)

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**: The legislation containing the **simulcasting** extension also contains \$69 million to give collectively bargained raises to a host of public employees. **SIMULCASTING**: The state's horse and dog racing tracks got a lucrative Christmas present from the Legislature - a six-month extension to the state's **simulcasting** law, which allows the tracks to broadcast races from elsewhere. The extension became necessary after recalcitrant track owners were unable all year to agree on how to divvy up the lucrative **simulcasting** rights, which account for around 70 percent of the tracks' revenues.

219) HOUSE SESSION - JULY 13, 1999

The House also admitted late-filed House bills regarding **simulcasting** and the Swansea Water District.

220) ADVANCES (WEEK OF NOV. 8, 1999)

It hasn't received much attention in the press, but the state's **simulcasting** law is due to expire on Dec. Daniel Bosley, cochairman of the Government Regulation Committee, both filed bills back in January to allow dog and horse racing tracks to continue with limited **simulcasting** activities. " VanDeventer said the commission does not have an opinion on the content of the legislation extending the **simulcasting** law, which allows the betting public to wager on televised in-state and out-of-state races.

221) ADVANCES (WEEK OF NOV. 15, 1999)

The Government Regulations Committee this week plans to endorse a bill extending the state's **simulcasting** law. Track operators say **simulcasting** is an important part of their business, accounting for up to 70 percent of revenues at some betting centers.

222) ANGER OVER ED VETO DOMINATES LATEST FRANTIC DAY ON BEACON HILL

In the midst of the budget shuffle, the Government Regulations Committee met to approve a bill extending the expiring **simulcasting** law for two years.

223) ADVANCES (WEEK OF NOV. 22, 1999)

The Legislature missed its opportunity to extend the state's **simulcasting** law during formal sessions and now, as one key lawmaker tells it, there's a reasonable possibility that the state's entire racing industry will go dark come January. Racetracks in Massachusetts earn the bulk of their revenues by **simulcasting** races from other tracks. David Flynn (D-Bridgewater), hoping to "level the playing field" for the Taunton-Raynham track in his district, tried unsuccessfully to amend a Government Regulations Committee bill extending the **simulcasting** law through 2001.

224) ADVANCES-WEEK OF NOV. 29, 1999

The Legislature's failure to extend its **simulcasting** law threatens to shut the racing industry down come January but that's not all track owners are worried about. If lawmakers allow the **simulcasting** law to expire on Dec. Morrissey says the pursuit of a more favorable **simulcasting** arrangement by the Taunton-Raynham track is a roadblock.

225) WEEKLY ROUNDUP (Week of Nov. 29, 1999)

Track owners can't agree on the terms of legislation to extend **simulcasting** of races from other states. The dispute centers on how much **simulcasting** dog tracks are allowed to offer.

226) LAWMAKERS BETTING THEY CAN PASS BILL GRANTING TRACKS A REPRIEVE

The current **simulcasting** law expires Dec. The bill extends the current law providing for special low taxes on racetracks and allows **simulcasting** to continue. That dispute fractured the racing community - the competition for **simulcasting** rights is fierce - and *delayed action on the plan until after the end of formal sessions on Nov.*

227) ADVANCES (WEEK OF DEC. 20, 1999)

The failure to pass a bill allowing race tracks to continue **simulcasting** off-track races will bring the loss of thousands of jobs, backers warn. On its face, the **simulcasting** law extension is a racing issue but the impetus behind the bill's movement during informal sessions is its impact on jobs.

228) HOUSE SESSION - MONDAY, DEC. 20, 1999

Speaker Finneran said it is the intention of the House and the Senate to complete work on the **simulcasting** bill today.

229) SENATE SESSION - MONDAY, DEC. 20, 1999

**SIMULCASTING...**The Senate read a third time, then engrossed H 4935 relative to dog and horse racing in the commonwealth. **SIMULCASTING...**The Senate attached an emergency preamble to H 4935 relative to dog and horse racing in the commonwealth and enacted the bill.

230) STATE APPROVES DRUG USE TO CONTROL BLEEDING IN RACE HORSES

\* Reported the horse racing results from the Great<sup>3</sup>Barrington Fair were "terrible," in the words of the commission's director of **simulcasting**, David Berube.

231) SENATE COPY - APRIL 23, 1998

- Several House late-files were also admitted, as was a bill (Nuciforo) on the **simulcasting** of horse races in Berkshire County.
- 232) THE LOTTERY: BLESSING OR CURSE?  
**simulcasting**, several legislators questioned whether the track would Kozol said unlimited **simulcasting** was necessary for the race track's
- 233) AGENDAS '97-DEC. 4, 1996  
again allowing full racing and **simulcasting** at Raynham-Taunton
- 234) SIMULCASTING....SHNS....DB....OCT. 19, 1995....Gov. William F. Weld's  
to extend **simulcasting** for dog and horse racing for five more years was "Simulcasting was a wise move to help revive this industry," Bob The **simulcasting** proposals, filed in three separate bills, would
- 235) LOTTERY GAME.....SHNS.....APR. 26, 1994....GOP legislators and local  
Thomas Norton (D-Fall River) attached it to a **simulcasting** bill that was included in the Senate version of the **simulcasting** bill unveiled at reporters, "All of us voted for the **simulcasting** bill without knowing
- 236) OTB....SHNS....JT....APRIL 5, 1994....As Gov. William F. Weld continues  
**Simulcasting** and other gambling ventures also came up at **simulcasting** of other races, and video lottery at the track, Raynham's "They have **simulcasting** and they have the video lottery, 900
- 237) RACING ACTION....SHNS....JT....MAY 9, 1994....Racing Action, the lottery  
added to a **simulcasting** bill in the Senate as a sweepstakes in May of was included in the **simulcasting** bill.
- 238) HOUSE.....SHNS.....The House convened at 11 am with Speaker Charles  
reauthorize what we intended in the **simulcasting** bill - a sweepstakes **simulcasting simulcasting**
- 239) SENATE (3)-JUNE 15, 1994  
The **simulcasting** bill in which the game was authorized, passed the House
- 240) ADVANCES-APR. 4, 1994  
bills to be heard are several dealing with **simulcasting** the races across
- 241) LOTTERY....SHNS....MPN....JUNE 9, 1993.....During recent House budget  
takes stock of the state's pari-mutuel betting operations, **simulcasting**
- 242) GREYHOUND SIMULCASTING.....SHNS...LAS...JULY 15, 1993.....Harness  
**simulcasting** of greyhound races at greyhound tracks, saying it would dog track **simulcasting** of dog races would draw bettors from Foxboro Park. The 1992 law establishing **simulcasting** for horse and dog tracks
- 243) RACING.....JAN. 5, 1993  
and operating and **simulcasting. simulcasting** signals in place.
- 244) SENATE.....SHNS....AUG. 19, 1993.....The Senate convened at 11 am with  
**SIMULCASTING.....A communication from Wonderland Park relating to simulcasting** was placed on file.
- 245) senate-DEC. 22, 1993  
**simulcasting** - betting on a live race by television. **simulcasting.**
- 246) ADVANCES.....4.....SHNS....JUNE 1, 1992  
Track owners say **simulcasting** is vital to their
- 247) ADVANCES.....4.....SHNS....JUNE 1, 1992  
Track owners say **simulcasting** is vital to their

- 248) Advances...June 22, 1992  
**simulcasting** meets Monday at 1 pm in room A-2.
- 249) SIMULCAST....SHNS....LAS....MARCH 30, 1992....An inter-track betting  
and **simulcasting** bill designed to give a boost to a revived horse racing **simulcasting**  
will be allowed. **Simulcasting** and inter-track betting would allow people to place
- 250) ROUNDUP....4....SHNS....JULY 2, 1992  
approval to a **simulcasting** bill that allows bettors at horse and dog
- 251) ROUNDUP....3....SHNS....JUNE 4, 1992  
Hampshire's Rockingham Park from **simulcasting** with each other.
- 252) SIMULCASTING-JULY 6, 1992  
State officials say the **simulcasting** bill approved by the is a misconception that it permits  
unlimited **simulcasting** at dog tracks. "broker" **simulcasting** if the bill is passed, would  
reject petitions from
- 253) SIMULCAST....SHNS....LAS....FEB. 6, 1992....Gov. William F. Weld's  
from **simulcasting** a race while that track was holding a live race of the close proximity  
of several of the state's tracks and that **simulcasting**
- 254) RACING....2....SHNS....APR. 15, 1992...LAS....The Legislature's  
today a bill allowing inter-track betting and **simulcasting**, a move that pleased the horse  
racing industry which says **simulcasting** is vital to the horse racing industry depends on  
**simulcasting**.
- 255) RACING-JULY 27, 1992  
new **simulcasting** law. the **simulcasting** law requires. Commission chairman Gary  
Pionkowski said **simulcasting**
- 256) NORTHBRIDGE RACING....2....SHNS....MPN....SEP. 22, 1992.....A  
**simulcasting** has cut into wagering on live races. thoroughbred racing and the  
introduction of **simulcasting**.
- 257) HORSE RACING....SHNS....CAP....NOV. 16, 1992....After this year's  
not join in **simulcasting** if it is open those additional 75 days.
- 258) Advances....June 29, 1992  
approval this week to a bill legalizing **simulcasting** at Massachusetts Protection  
Association (HPPA) before **simulcasting** a horse race.
- 259) ADVANCES-May 18, 1992  
27, two days after their meet ends, if the **simulcasting** bill has not
- 260) ADVANCES-JULY 1, 1991  
intertrack and off-track betting, and the **simulcasting** of races.
- 261) ADVANCES-MAY 13, 1991  
The legislation allows 250 racing days, allows **simulcasting** of
- 262) GAMBLING COUNCIL-JULY 16, 1991  
off-track betting, **simulcasting** and so forth.
- 263) HOUSE-JUNE 26, 1991  
fall to deal with **simulcasting** and inter-track wagering.
- 264) ROUNDUP-JULY 3, 1991  
allowing intertrack and off-track betting, and **simulcasting** provisions -
- 265) HORSE RACING BILL-JUNE 25, 1991  
**simulcasting** and off-track betting (OTB).
- 266) 1991 Session-AUG. 30, 1991

- track betting and the **simulcasting** of out-of-state races.  
267) FALL SESSION 1991 Session-AUG. 30, 1991  
track betting and the **simulcasting** of out-of-state races.  
268) HOUSE-JUNE 30, 1987  
**simulcasting** of races run at other tracks.

Statehouse News Items concerning Simulcasting over the last two years.

(5.11.08) RAYNHAM TRACK TAKES TO COURT TO BATTLE BAN ON DOG RACING

By Jim O'Sullivan

and Michael Norton

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MARCH 11, 2008....The owner of the Raynham Park dog track is fighting a proposed dog-racing ban in court, hoping to block the petition from the November 2008 ballot.

George Carney, who won a 2006 Supreme Judicial Court case against an earlier proposed ban when the Supreme Judicial Court ruled the proposal too broad, said a lawsuit would serve as a barrier against the popular vote, with anti-racing forces arming for an expensive campaign.

"I don't intend to give any free rides," Carney told the News Service in a telephone interview. "If they beat me, they're going to have to run for the roses."

The lawsuit was filed this week, according to the attorney general's office.

The referendum would phase out greyhound racing, practiced at the Raynham track and Revere's Wonderland Greyhound Park, by 2010. A similar effort failed on the 2000 ballot.

The Committee to Protect Dogs, which backs the petition, announced Tuesday that its bid to ban greyhound racing had picked up 18 lawmaker endorsements, and backing from a long list of other groups. The committee has launched a new website, [protectdogs.org](http://protectdogs.org), and claimed \$250,000 on hand. Officials said they expected to be outspent.

Asked about the legal grounds for a suit, Carney replied, "To be honest, I couldn't explain the legal technology to you on the telephone because it's a little over my head."

The suit alleges that the ballot question is invalid because it is limited to particular districts or localities, it contains subjects that "are not related or mutually dependent," it constitutes a taking of property without providing compensation, and because the question allegedly is not in proper form for submission to the people.

The case was filed for the Carney family by attorneys Joel Kozol, Lee Kozol, and Marc Rie.

Tuesday was another busy day on the gambling front, with stakeholders preparing for a Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies hearing next Tuesday on Gov. Deval Patrick's proposal to build three casinos in the Commonwealth. Patrick's top

economic development aide, Daniel O'Connell, has a string of public appearances this week to build support, while House veterans have diagnosed declining support in that chamber.

House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi said in an interview televised Sunday that the net benefits of Patrick's plan, which independent estimates recently said could generate over \$2 billion in gross revenues, were "nil."

The same day as the much-anticipated casino hearing in the State House auditorium, Sen. Michael Morrissey plans a hearing of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure on legislation affecting off-track betting broadcasts. Morrissey (D-Quincy) called it coincidence the hearing was the same day as the big-ticket casino hearing. Morrissey has a bill (S 217) that would allow racetrack slots and extend the expiration date of the simulcasting arrangement.

House Dean David Flynn, a veteran of expanded gambling debates under the Golden Dome, told the News Service Tuesday that he believes Patrick's casino legislation will be defeated. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies chair Rep. Daniel Bosley (D-North Adams) has recently stepped up his lobbying efforts to defeat the plan and Flynn said he expects the proposal to receive an adverse report from the committee, which faces a reporting deadline of next Wednesday, the day after the public hearing.

"I think it will be held up by the House by a significant margin," said Flynn (D-Bridgewater), referring to the anticipated adverse report. Flynn, whose district is home to the Raynham Park, is pushing to authorize slot machines at the racetracks as an alternative to casinos.

Bosley told the News Service Tuesday that Flynn's proposal will be heard by the committee, and said he expected a "marathon hearing" next week, with senior administration officials slated to testify first, followed in alternating fashion by "pros/cons" testimonials.

While casinos will take several years to build, Flynn says racetrack slots can instantly produce \$200 million in licensing fees and \$400 million a year in new revenues and potentially serve as a bridge to casinos at a later point. Bosley said he opposes the measure.

Support for casinos on Beacon Hill has "lessened considerably in the last couple of weeks," according to Flynn.

"It's just obvious to anyone - casinos aren't going to go," he said. "I think it's come to gridlock for the two sides I admire - the governor and Speaker DiMasi."

Patrick says his casino proposal will generate thousands of temporary and permanent jobs and

new state revenues to pay for road and bridge repairs and property tax relief.

The temperature has risen considerably between Patrick and DiMasi, with an intensity last week uncommon on the Hill. "This is really like an old-fashioned issue," Bosley said. "This is where people try to marshal their troops."

O'Connell plans to brief lawmakers at a Thursday meeting. DiMasi has two public speeches sandwiching next week's hearing, a Tuesday-morning address to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and Wednesday remarks to the League of Women Voters, a leading anti-casino group.

Morrissey said the hearing he plans next week could entertain testimony on as many as 10 bills. He said he would have preferred to hold the session last year but that the House resisted.

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#### (5.22.08) SIMULCASTING EXTENSION CLEARS COMMITTEE, PACHECO DROPS SLOTS AMENDMENT

The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee on Thursday approved a one-year extension the current agreement governing off-track race-broadcasting rights for the state's four racetracks. The current agreement expires Dec. 31. Asked about the bill, House Dean David Flynn, who represents Raynham Park, said: "There's nothing wrong with it coming out, as long as it's not heard for a period of time." Flynn said he expects a hearing on his "racino" proposal the third week in June, with that bill heading to the floor shortly thereafter. Asked if there was any significance to the one-year extension, as opposed to a longer or shorter extension, committee co-chair Rep. Michael Rodrigues said, "It's nice and easy." Two hours after the committee vote, Senate leaders announced that Sen. Marc Pacheco's budget amendment allowing 2,000 slot machines at each of the state's four tracks had been withdrawn.

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#### (7.23.08) RACETRACK OFFICIALS MEET WITH SENATORS

Sen. Michael Morrissey said a Monday morning meeting between the senate president, several senators and the owners of the state's four racetrack owners yielded little progress. Morrissey said participants stated their positions on the issue of simulcasting, which allow track-goers to wager on races broadcast from other tracks around the country, and not on greyhound racing or slots at the tracks. Track owners are facing increasing competition from out-of-state casinos and racinos. Two Bay State dog tracks, Wonderland and Raynham Park, will lose their ability to keep racing dogs if a ballot question passes this November. The state's simulcasting laws expire on Dec. 31, 2008, and this morning's meeting was the latest skirmish in the seemingly perennial battle. Plainridge Racecourse owner Gary Piontkowski blamed officials from Raynham-Taunton Park with looking to rewrite the current arrangement and push the controversy late into the year. Along with Murray, Sens. Pacheco, Creedon, Petruccelli, Menard and Brown sat in on the meeting in Murray's office. "His tactic is to make sure there's a controversy so this thing goes to



informal sessions, and we'll see you at Christmas," Piontkowski said. Mere yards away, Raynham officials and representatives had their own post-meeting huddle. "We had a chance to air our complaints," said Raynham-Taunton Park owner George Carney.

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(7.30.09) Sen. Pacheco said, We just heard my colleague from the minority party speaking about the Plainridge track. Some of what he discussed I agree with. We have people who use these facilities from neighboring states. New Hampshire and Vermont come in. There's no question about revenue brought in. Let's say we all go out to dinner and the gentleman from Brockton decides to buy dinner and we keep going to dinner and the gentleman from Brockton continues to decide to buy dinner, and our ability to have dinner depends on his ability to pay. Lo and behold, one night he says, I'm not paying. The fact is, we have to reach into our own pocket to buy dinner if we can afford to, or we can go without. What's happening with this amendment is trying to fix something Raynham-Taunton has been dealing with. Raynham-Taunton is saying, I'm not paying for this any more. It means we're going to lose jobs, not only at Raynham-Taunton, but also at Plainridge, Suffolk and all across the state. A colleague from the city of Boston indicated that we should wait until after the ballot question. That's a reasonable request, except that was the same request a few years ago when we had the same debate a few years ago when the voters said to continue with greyhound racing in Massachusetts. Voters in the southern part of the state said do not stop this. They didn't want to see jobs lost. I know there are a lot of issues going on. We're paying attention to a whole range of things. It's unfortunate some people may not be in the chamber for this debate. As a result of this debate, it will impact our budget, impact jobs. I would urge you to vote yes to this amendment, which only allows simulcasting to take place when live racing is dark. I want to remind you that each one of us can go on our own computer and place those bets. What's happened in the past is when all of these operators have to come up with a decision they do. When we make it easy for them, they do. If this does not pass, let us not pass the extension of simulcasting. They have six months to come up with something workable at the end of the year for the gaming industry.

Sen. Creedon said, Many of our constituents are going to end up in the unemployment line. I submit, the ultimate effect is going to carry over. What you're doing is taking people's jobs away. Let's look at reality. This is my third go around with this issue. People got pink slips on December 31. Then the owners were forced to make a deal and they did. In round two, we were in informal sessions and the gentleman from Taunton and I were objecting. A courier from the House told us we would get adverse publicity in the newspapers. Vote yes on the amendment and no on the bill.

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(7.30.09) SENATE SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

--Voted 35-2 to extend the state's simulcasting laws for one year;

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(7/31/08) SIMULCASTING: Question came on engrossing S 2721 relative to simulcasting.  
FLYNN AMENDMENT: Rep. Flynn offered an amendment. The clerk dispensed with the reading of the amendment.

Speaker DiMasi sat behind Rep. Donato with Rep. O'Flaherty:

Rep. Flynn said, I often rise to speak from my heart of hearts and I thought that this particular bill would do what I also have been taught, that a rising tide lifts all boats. I was somewhat amazed and a little shocked at the Senate when I read the same amendment was defeated. It wasn't a close vote, I think it was 32-6. It surprised me because of the opinions and the direction it went. Once the meeting that took place, held by the President of the Senate and all the racetracks involved, to find out they've been hammered into submission by the ownership that exists, the carpetbagger from New York. It's just jobs, jobs, jobs and revenue. And to see the greed that exists between some of the owners of some of the tracks, and the loss of money has dismayed me quite a bit. I start out with Suffolk because it is the tail that wags the dog. You have thoroughbred simulcasting which is the backbone of the existence of the four tracks. My heart is with the johnnies, the veterinarians, the jockeys, the trainers and others. The ownership doesn't care about racing. My heart goes out to them. When I went to Mexico and traveled, I became a jockey, traveled the tracks, the business. When Suffolk was dark, not running, we wanted to pay them between \$450,000 or \$500,000 more a year so that we could continue run the dogs at the tracks in my district. The reason we want to do this is because Suffolk, Wonderland and Plainridge don't want to race. Listen to me closely: Do not want to race. Last year, each track went before the Racing Commission. They said when we open up we lose money. Wonderland deserves to stay open. They are in dire straits. Plainridge deserves to stay open, but they can't pay the 27 percent that's required by taxes. Those are the facts we can substantiate. Suffolk doesn't want somebody next door. They don't care about having horses running, because they're hoping for a casino someday. We're saying Wonderland should be allowed to stick around. We're saying for the sake of the four race tracks involved, let us have slots, let us having simulcasting. Plainridge doesn't want us to be in business because if we're closed people go over to them. We're the only track to have every track to be in business. We want to add jobs, we want Suffolk to do the same thing. It's the greed of other people, saying let them die, let's wait for casinos. Which doesn't do anybody well at all. I ask why can't we do slots in Massachusetts? Why can't we do simulcasting? The tracks I talk about can't pay their own way because they're tracks in name only. They run short, short, short seasons if they run at all. We employ 600 people, most of them in my district. Most of these people are single parents. They get benefits working over 20 hours a week. People ridicule and say dog racing is cruel. I suppose some people say when you ride a horse you have to whip it, that's cruel also. My town, we are so proud of the Raynham track, in our school's hall of fame, we have a picture of the monitor. Beside that cast in granite we have greyhounds. There's not a family in the area that hasn't had someone in that family who hasn't had a first job or a second job at the track. A rising tide does lift all boats. With a one-year extension, which doesn't help our track one bit. Some owners care

more about their competitors going out of business than they do about people. I was always taught to empathize with everybody I met.

Rep. Flynn yielded to Rep. Fagan.

Rep. Fagan said, It's an interesting process here that the gentleman from Bridgewater and I are engaged in. He has a career of 50 years of public service, serving the people, as secretary of administration and finance, the chairman of the bonding committee, and is so well-versed in the finances. I rise in support of his amendment. I followed the gentleman to Bridgewater State College and was a member of the same fraternity. It's an honor to listen to the wisdom he brings to the discussion. His concern is genuine. I remember when there were two tracks. I remember when it became one dog track. I've seen the change as we've become a society of cynical people. I've watched the dog track continue to employ the people of my district. You can't live in the city of Taunton and not know somebody who has a family member who has worked at the track. For some, it's the job that sent their children to college, paid the heating bill, paid for the car. And what are we doing now? We're killing the industry. The new generation interacts with machines, not people. We did it to the local drug store. Now we have corporate businesses. And now we're starting to do it to this business. We've worked together, the gentlelady from Revere and others to hold this industry together. Let me tell you another thing - it's not just the people who work at those places. The farmers, agricultural support, veterinary support. I worked for the vet, one of two in the city. They worked tirelessly and carefully to preserve the well-being of the animals who ran at the track. I worked part time for an old lady, she took care of her greyhounds. I saw how that industry helped people. And here we are, we're trying to kill it. This amendment gives this industry a chance. This amendment allows this business to continue. There are people who don't care about our constituents at all. It's not people in this room. There are people here whose greed-driven desires, who hope the attitude in this state changes and casinos will come to this state. They don't care one hoot for the people who work in those businesses, they don't care about the local pride. We were proud when we lived in Taunton to be identified as the home of the track. I've never been to Wonderland; I've only been to Suffolk once in my life and that was an accident. I'm not a gambler, it's not my nature, but I've been up there and seen the operation. The family pride in the business, the care that's been given, the upgrades that have taken place and loyalty of the ownership of the business to the 600 people who work there day-in and day-out, put their kids through college by working there. So I have to ask why are we so interested in killing that business? I've seen us bend over backwards for the Fidelities of the world. We gave them break after break after break. But this business, homegrown, supporting other businesses, we're willing to let die. I don't understand it. I'm not a smart guy. Checkers is something that confuses me. But my cynicism tells me there's another move afoot. We can't be supporting putting 600 people out of work in the area. Somebody somewhere is expecting to take home a truck full of money. We're going to send the amendment back to the Senate and hope they'll do the right thing and give some support to Raynham, Wonderland and Suffolk. I've seen these

people before when they've gotten together before and have been unable to do it. It makes no sense to me. This amendment very simply allows Raynham to simulcast, to get the signal to allow wagering on horse races across the country, something we can do on our home computers. The money generated goes back into the pot for Suffolk. It puts money back into a business that needs the money desperately. So I urge every member to vote in favor of this. Do I expect it's going to win? No, I expect the Senate's going to do something else to it. But at least we stand up. I wait with interest to tell me how us sending money back to Suffolk hurts Suffolk. I can understand if there are other games afoot. I can understand if Plainridge wants Raynham to go out of business so they can be only off-track betting power in the area, because they sure as heck don't run there. I haven't run in a long time and today won't be the day I start. I go by Plainridge by all the time and I see less running than I see in my bedroom and that's not much, not much at all. There's nothing moving very fast in either place as best I'm able to see. I'll probably be on YouTube again for that one. Maybe some lawyer that's never got anybody off either professionally or otherwise will be sending that clip to YouTube as well but I'm not certain about that. I'm hopeful that we can support this amendment. I want to hear a reason this amendment make sense.

Rep. Reinstein said, I know a majority of the members are frustrated we're taking this up on the last day of the session. I appreciate everybody's patience. This is something we're extremely passionate about. I rise in opposition to this amendment and I rise in support of the bill. I would just like to talk about why. I believe this is about doing what's right. I would like to explain my side. I represent two tracks – Wonderland and Suffolk Downs. Wonderland is one of two greyhound tracks. There is a federal law or mandate, I'm not sure I have the right word, that is given to the horsemen's association, and they are the ones who allow who gets a signal. It is my understanding we are the only state to allow greyhound tracks to get a thoroughbred signal. They talk about extending signals. Both of our greyhound tracks have been fortunate to work with the association and get signals. I will also say that the gentleman from Wrentham will come up after me. There are three tracks are in agreement of opposing this amendment and voting for a one-year extension. Usually, we have a sunset on it. We have to come back every year and extend the licenses. The simulcasting signals is where the money is made. We are here at midnight, on July 31, holding the lives in the balance. Every time I go anywhere, we are approached by employees, families of the employees, asking us, Should I buy Christmas presents? Do you think you're going to do an extension? I'm in my tenth year. I feel that it is very, very unjust to the employees of all of the tracks. I don't feel that one track or another should have the right to dictate policy to everybody else. There's three of us in agreement.

Rep. Reinstein did not yield to Rep. Flynn.

Rep. Reinstein said, I apologize, but I want to be able to speak on behalf of my community. There are other realities. There is a ballot question that is possibly going to ban greyhound

racing. It is possible that it will pass. The conversation we have every year could be a different conversation next year. With the possibility of two tracks closing, let us extend it for the year and have the discussion next year. This extension would allow us to come back to the table during a full formal. Everybody jokes how the tracks don't get along. It's not a joke. I appreciate this coming before the body, extending this for a year and letting people know they have a job through the holidays. I ask that this amendment is not accepted.

Rep. Ross said, I rise in opposition to the amendment. I represent the people of Plainridge. After some of the discussions we had last night, between the gentlemen from Bridgewater and Taunton, they made it sound like the other tracks are in their death throes. I learned from my constituents that my track is thriving. We have many horse farms. We have owners, contract laborers, police, and 15 charities in the Plainridge area. The total money spent, economically, is \$14 million on an annual basis. To say our horse track is anything but viable would be misspeaking. Our families have earned good livings. I don't know the histories of all the tracks, but Plainridge has no debt. There is going to be a leveled playing field, a lot of change in the industry. I think you'll see me and the gentleman from Bridgewater attempt to address in January revenue problems through slots at the track.

Rep. Flynn asked if he could ask a question. He said, I have a two part question. Why does Plainridge go to the racing commission and say we don't wish to run, we don't want those dates? Why won't you work with us?

Rep. Ross said, I appreciate the questions my colleague has asked. I don't pretend to have all the answers. Back when simulcasting was extended to Bridgewater and Taunton it was a different arrangement. Horses are a very different breed, so to speak, than dogs. It's tough to ride a dog, as my colleague pointed out. For every horse you have, you have a person that takes care of that horse. That person might take care of two horses. Simulcasting is a whole different animal and I would suggest what you're asking us to pick up is an unfair question.

Rep. Canessa said, What I want to first briefly do, and I know time is of the essence, I think it's helpful to put the issue in layman's terms. It's difficult to understand the complexities of the issue. I've tried hard to adapt and worked with my colleagues. There are four tracks right now. My understanding is each one has simulcasting. The current deal in place is that when Suffolk, for example is not running live, Raynham Taunton can show four simulcasts that day. When there is simulcasting at Raynham Taunton, a significant portion of that purse goes back to the other three tracks. I guess my confusion lies with this amendment. If simulcasting is unlimited and a portion of the purse goes back to all three tracks, they'd be getting free money. I don't understand why it is this issue is being opposed. We all have our feelings as to why that is. I think a lot of that has to do with personalities. Why the opposition to this particular amendment? It's going to be a financial win-win for all four parties.

Rep. Bosley said, I want to answer that question and explain why this is significant. I listened very carefully to the gentleman from Taunton, most of which I'm not going to respond to. I'm going to respond to two. One is, he said he can't play checkers. I find him one of the brightest members of the House and he knows how to play chess. He's brilliant in the courtroom. He always cuts to the core of the argument. I would also just address very briefly: the gentleman said we have done things in the past for Fidelity and it continues to move jobs out of this state. There are actually two answers: the first is the financial investment firms are the biggest part of our corporate tax base. We did two years ago give a tax break and say you can't lower your employment. When those years were up they did move out. They didn't renege on the deal. The second answer is that the tracks are in a situation where there's a decrease of people who want to go there. For ten years, I was chairman of Government Regulations, and I would get a book every Christmas, called Thirty Tons. It's a great book. I learned to have a tremendous respect for the owners because they work hard in a tough business. The problem we have is a problem we see in a lot of businesses. We rely on microchips instead of transistors now. Those businesses fell by the wayside. The gentleman from Westfield could tell us that it was once called Whip City, because they made buggy whips.

Rep. Canessa said, I do appreciate the discussion we're having here. I'm concerned we're heading off topic. My question is this: this amendment will provide revenue and resources for all four. Each one. I don't think my question of how this amendment is bad has been answered.

Rep. Bosley said, I thank the gentleman for the question. To understand the question, you have to understand how the tracks got to this point. Plainridge is a relatively new track and one of the reasons why we get involved in the racing industry is because there are hundreds of horse farms in Massachusetts. Those farms are very valuable. The dog industry did better than the horse industry in the 1960s. That's not the case today. The case today is and the reason why the tracks keep coming for slots is because the number of people in the stands decreases. If you go today, you don't see a lot of kids there unless there's something special going on. That's not their fault, that's the market. The one thing we haven't done is slots. This isn't a slot debate so I won't get into it. Every track tries to advantage itself to gain its business by putting another out of business. Over the years, we've tried to put together a delicate balance, where each track is treated equitably so each track can stay alive. If you change the equation in allowing one track unlimited simulcasting, you change that equation and disadvantage other tracks. I don't know what the attendance figures are. We try to maintain that balance. The question for you today is, do you want to advantage one track over another. All of these people, the dean of the House, whom I've learned so much from, and others, all of them care deeply about their district. The question is do you want to maintain that balance, through the one year extension, or do you want to pick and choose.

Rep. Flynn said, We do not wish to have or seek to have an advantage of any other track. We would be glad to have our colleagues join us for unlimited simulcasting. Let make this clear. They've never asked for it. we want them to seek more racing days. They've gone to the racing commission and said we can't make more money racing. They want to stay closed. We wish them to join with us, so we have the only act in town. In the interim, we can offer the governor a bridge until casinos break ground. Why are we protecting Connecticut? New York? Why don't we pitch in \$50 and put signs – union signs – up on the highway saying 'Business Not Wanted.' I listened closely to talk of pink slips at Christmas. Let's make it a ten-year extension. I asked the speaker not to vote on this today. I request the speaker not to vote and let the members make up their minds. We're losing jobs, hundreds of millions of dollars, and who are we protecting? Let's start fighting for people, people, people. Jobs, jobs, jobs. I hope the amendment is adopted.

The amendment is not adopted.

Rep. Fagan doubted the vote. There was support for a call of the yeas and nays. The time was 6:13 pm.

BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 46-109, THE AMENDMENT WAS REJECTED. Speaker DiMasi did not vote.

The bill was then engrossed.

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(7.31.08) SIMULCASTING: With Rep. Harkins in the chair, the House enacted S 2721 extending simulcasting of horse and greyhound racing.

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(9.6.09) ECONOMIC PANEL HEARS DOG RACING EXTENSION BILL: Voters last year decided to ban dog racing in Massachusetts but the debate continues in the Legislature. The Senate this spring voted against extending the Jan. 1, 2010 phase-out date, but lawmakers with racing business interests in their districts continue to push for bills they say are critical to job preservation. Dog racing opponents feel confident that they have locked up enough votes in the House to prevent any wavering on the Jan. 1 implementation date. The Economic Development and Emerging Technologies committee will hear two bills Thursday concerning the topic. A bill (S 2041) sponsored by Sen. Marc Pacheco seeks to extend by two years the deadline to ban dog racing. A bill (H 4062) from Rep. David Flynn and Rep. James Fagan, would allow the dog tracks in Revere and Raynham to stay open to simulcast dog races from other tracks for wagering purposes after live racing is phased out. Proponents of Question 3 are not taking a position on the simulcasting bill. In a press release, Flynn said his bill could "keep Raynham alive, on a life-support system admittedly, until other decisions can be reached later this year or early next, on the future direction of legalized gambling in Massachusetts, such as slots." Flynn added, "I appreciate the decision by Speaker and the the Senate President to have the Joint Committee on

Economic Development and Emerging Technologies to . . . hold this hearing on Sept. 10 on my bill to extend simulcasting." (Thursday, 10 a.m., Rooms A-1 and A-2)

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(Oct. 29, 2009) PACHECO: MILLION DOLLARS A DAY LOST WITHOUT SLOTS | Taunton Sen. Marc Pacheco said "a million dollars a day we have lost in this budget year because last year we did not simply allow slots at the existing facilities in Massachusetts." He called for the committee to get a bill out "expeditiously" that calls for destination-based casinos to "maximize profits for our Commonwealth." In any bill, he said, so-called host communities must be empowered to vote on whether to accept expanded gambling - either through a direct vote from residents or by their representatives. If simulcasting extensions are not permitted for existing tracks, Boston gambling interests "would love to see" Raynham Park and others not be able to participate in expanded gambling. On the latter point, committee co-chair Sen. Karen Spilka said the committee takes every issue "very seriously." Asked by Rep. John Scibak if he'd support three casino facilities with no provisions made for the existing tracks, Pacheco said "all of us have our parochial interests at stake" as well as the broader interests of the state. Sen. Pacheco said he is for "whatever" voluntary revenue is available to fill a projected \$3 billion budget gap in fiscal 2010, and would "fight every step of the way" to advance racetrack slots, which he said represents a different market than resort casinos. He said 1,066 individuals will lose jobs when dog racing ends Dec. 31, 2009.

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#### PANEL OKAYS BILL CREATING OFF-TRACK BETTING PARLORS AT DOG TRACKS

By Jim O'Sullivan  
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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, NOV. 5, 2009.....Lawmakers are poised to float a lifeline to the state's two dog tracks as their live racing days approach an end, crafting an extension of their off-track betting rights that could come to a vote next week and create a new wagering environment in Massachusetts as policymakers ponder whether to permit casinos.

The legislation would essentially allow Raynham-Taunton Greyhound and Wonderland in Revere to operate as off-track betting parlors, venues that do not feature live racing due to the ban on dog racing that takes effect Jan. 1, but instead allow patrons to wager on events broadcast from other tracks around the country. Off-track betting bills were the subject of heavy Beacon Hill debate during the early 1990s, when Gov. William Weld pushed for them.

The Economic Development Committee approved legislation Thursday that would enable the two tracks to keep their doors open, despite the scheduled expiration of simulcasting licenses in December, until July 31 of next year, the final day of formal legislative sessions in the two-year cycle. The tracks have been stung by a voter-approved ban on dog racing.



According to a final draft of the committee bill obtained by the News Service, both Raynham and Wonderland would pay simulcast revenues into a newly established racing stabilization fund to assist Plainridge Racecourse, the Plainville track that features horse-racing and has long been at odds with the Raynham track over broadcasting rules, and Suffolk Downs. Sources called that measure a protection for the two horse tracks, which would have to grapple with the costs of live racing while their competitors benefit from the lower-cost simulcasting.

House Democrats called the bill an effort to preserve the 1,300 jobs they said are on the line at the dog tracks.

"What we're doing is responding to the greyhound ballot question," said Rep. Brian Dempsey, House chair of the Economic Development Committee. "There's a recognition that 1,300 employees will be losing their jobs in January. This is going to enable half of those jobs to be saved."

"If we do nothing, all of those jobs are gone January 1, so I think we have a responsibility to do something," said Dempsey (D-Haverhill).

Lawmakers said it was unclear whether Wonderland would conduct simulcasting or close its doors.

Lawmakers said there were concerns that permitting Raynham and Wonderland to host gambling could raise questions of fairness, prompting other businesses, which currently are limited to Lottery games, to ask why some merchants are sanctioned and others not.

"They don't currently do it," Dempsey said of the other businesses. "We're not talking about an idea that just came to fruition yesterday. These establishments have been in business for decades, and we are responding to the ballot question."

The 19-member panel endorsed the bill with 11 members in favor, six reserving their rights, and three not voting, a committee aide said.

"I think we all want to be supportive of keeping these people employed, especially in this economy," said Rep. Denis Guyer, a Dalton Democrat who said he voted in favor but opposes reversing the dog racing ban. "You want to honor what the people voted on at the same time, so I think we're trying to strike a balance here."

Richard Ross, the Wrentham Republican whose district includes Plainridge, reserved his rights on the poll, and said he was concerned about "a lot of ambiguities" in the legislation. He said it was unclear which agency would oversee the new fund and that he wanted to ensure that the

horse tracks' interests were addressed.

Dempsey said lawmakers would handle details of the fund through the expanded gambling bill he said would likely emerge in January. The state comptroller's office would likely oversee the fund, he said.

"We will address that in the gaming bill, both where it goes, what the money would be utilized for, we'll deal it then," he said in a telephone interview.

The State Racing Commission, which ceases to exist at the end of the year, on Wednesday dismissed Raynham Park's bid for a full slate of dog racing dates in 2010, which the track filed despite the ban. Raynham, Plainridge and a joint venture between Wonderland and Suffolk Downs in East Boston are among the competitors jockeying for position to host a casino or slot machines if Beacon Hill ratifies expanded gambling legislation next year.

Senate President Therese Murray has called casinos "inevitable" in Massachusetts.

Rep. Daniel Bosley, the top House opponent of expanded gambling, called the bill "a placeholder" while the larger gambling debate percolates.

"This is more gamesmanship until we get to slots. The end game has always been slots," Bosley (D-North Adams) said.

"They haven't addressed the real problem," Bosley said. "The real problem is there's not enough [simulcasting] for four tracks. There's enough [simulcasting] for two tracks. They're sidestepping that problem."

The state's top anti-dog racing group, GREY2K USA, has not taken a position on the bill.

"I think that is an olive branch that we offered to the track workers to mitigate the economic issues," said spokesman Carey Theil, adding that the group might seek to prohibit simulcasting in the future.

The House is expected to vote on the bill next week.

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(11/6/09) INCREMENTAL VEGAS: The Economic Development Committee on Thursday stamped approval on legislation creating off-track betting parlors at Raynham-Taunton Greyhound Park and Wonderland by extending simulcasting privileges, a quiet little committee vote that will allow a formal gambling debate on the House floor next week for the first time

since the throttling of the governor's casino bill last year. It's the opening salvo in the casino/slots debate teed up for early next year (and if the OTBs come into existence lawmakers should add some amendment to prevent them from becoming the filth dens they are in New York, which on Wednesday finally won a World Series by the way). Here's what casino proponents haven't gotten this year: support from Patrick.

The governor has been publicly circumspect about expanded gambling of late, and there are some on the Hill who wonder what the administration's intentions will be if a bill arrives on his desk.

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ADVANCES: WEEK OF NOV. 8, 2009  
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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON -- Fall on Beacon Hill, once envisioned by decision-makers as a time to pass another round of pension and education reform, an overhaul of the health care payment system, and legislation to expand gambling has instead morphed into another period of crisis management, with state budget problems continuing to dominate the attention of the Legislature and Gov. Deval Patrick. Senate President Therese Murray told the News Service Thursday the Senate intends to act before formal sessions end for this year on Nov.

18 on a budget-balancing bill Patrick sent the Legislature last week along with unilateral budget cuts that are just now beginning to cancel out public sector jobs and services. Several other items that could reach Patrick's desk in the next two weeks are also reactionary in nature: a bill to extend simulcasting rights and save jobs at a pair of racetracks that will lose their ability to run dogs Jan. 1; legislation imposing new accountability standards on utilities in the wake of poor response to customers after an ice storm last year; and a pandemic and disaster preparation bill that's been kicking around for years but appears to be finding legs in the midst of the national public health emergency over the H1N1 flu virus. The simulcasting bill moved out of the Economic Development Committee Thursday and may see floor debate in the House on Tuesday, although action in the Senate is not expected next week. The utility and disaster preparation bills have cleared the branches and are being reconciled by House-Senate conference committees, whose final work product is not subject to amendment and faces up-or-down votes in each branch. The conference committee deliberations are not public since lawmakers have opted to work in secret. The branches are also taking another stab at passing legislation debated for years on the Hill and aimed at preserving affordable housing units at risk of converting to market rate stock. And with Veterans Day falling midweek, lawmakers are advancing a new bill expanding benefits while criticizing cuts in soldiers home funding made by Patrick. Most who follow the goings-on on the Hill say it appears the Legislature, on the heels of difficult votes all year and without sufficient revenues to launch new initiatives, just wants to break for the fall and that they don't expect a lot of activity in the final days of formals. Legislative hearings continue

at the joint committee level but power remains concentrated in both branches within the Ways and Means committees. Those panels in recent years have come to operate largely in secret, meeting infrequently and using email polls rather than public executive sessions to vote on bills, often substantially redrafted and usually coming to the attention of most lawmakers and legislative followers as the bills are introduced and advanced on the floors of the branches.

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**STATE CAPITOL BRIEFS (AFTERNOON EDITION) - TUESDAY, NOV. 10, 2009**  
**STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE**

**HOUSE PASSES SIMULCASTING BILL TO CREATE OFF-TRACK BETTING PARLORS**

The House voted just before 2 p.m. to approve legislation allowing the state's two dog tracks to operate as off-track betting parlors for the first seven months of 2010. Dog racing, under a voter-approved ballot law, must cease on Jan. 1, 2010. Dog racing tracks in Revere and Raynham will have the ability to take bets on races broadcast from other tracks next year, when dog racing will be banned. The bill's proponents hope to save hundreds of jobs that would be shed if the two tracks closed.

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**HOUSE SESSION - TUESDAY, NOV. 10, 2009**

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**CONVENES:** The House convened at 11:06 a.m., Rep. Thomas Petrolati presiding.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** Chaplain Quinn offered a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**FEW REPS PRESENT:** Only a handful of members were on hand for the start of the session. Among those present: Reps. Koczera, Kafka, Hill.

**RESOLUTIONS:** The House adopted congratulatory resolutions offered by Reps. Atsalis and Arciero.

**SENATE BILLS:** New Senate bills were admitted dealing with local contributions from the stabilization fund to the city of Chelsea (Galluccio) and a Darmouth land conveyance (Montigny).

**MATTAPOISETT - WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS:** The House enacted H 1910 relative to the interest rate to be charged upon apportioned betterment assessments for water and sewer projects in the town of Mattapoisett.

**NEW BEDFORD - KOREANS' VETERANS MEMORIAL ROADWAY:** The House enacted H 4215 designating a portion of Route 140 in the city of New Bedford as the Koreans' Veterans Memorial Roadway.

**SICK LEAVE BANK - RICHARD DONATI:** The House enacted S 2157 to establish a sick leave bank for Richard Donati, an employee of the Department of Correction.

**BROOKLINE - RETIREE HEALTH CARE:** The House received word that the Senate had substituted 2148 for H 3714 relative to authorizing the town of Brookline to establish a retiree health care liability trust fund. The House concurred with the Senate amendment.

**OFF-TRACK BETTING:** The House adopted Rep. Dempsey's motion to suspend rule 47 and the motion carried by voice vote. The House adopted a Ways and Means Committee substitute (H 4323) for H 4315 bill extending simulcasting. The Ways and Means substitute was ordered to third reading at 11:24 a.m.

**RECESSES:** The House recessed at 11:24 a.m., intending to return at 1 p.m. House Democrats planned to meet in a private caucus at noon.

At 1 p.m., the House was not ready to resume its session. Reps. Petrolati, Dempsey and Mariano conferred on the rostrum. Ways and Means Chair Murphy joined them at 1:05 p.m. and left at 1:10 p.m.

**RETURNS:** The House returned at 1:15 p.m., Rep. Mariano presiding.

**SIMULCASTING EXTENSION:** Rep. Mariano said H 4323 an act to extend simulcasting, has been released from the Bills in Third Reading Committee.

The House suspended rules in general - no rule was specified.

Question came on engrossing the bill. The chamber was nearly empty.

**REINSTEIN AMENDMENT:** Rep. Reinstein offered an amendment regarding licensee applications. Rep. Mariano directed the clerk to stop reading the amendment.

The amendment was adopted by voice vote.

Rep. Mariano declared a brief recess at 1:17 p.m.

Reps. Jones, Dempsey, Hill and Mariano huddled around House Clerk James, looking over

paperwork.

Question came on engrossing the bill.

Rep. Dempsey said he hopes the bill is engrossed. The bill comes as a result of what we are going to see occur on Jan. 1, the end of greyhound racing. Voters went to the polls last November and made the decision that the Commonwealth not be in that business. This will allow for simulcast races to occur at Raynham and Wonderland without live racing. As much as we would like to save as many jobs as will be lost due to the referendum, by extending for a seven-month period and by allowing the two tracks to operate without live racing will in effect save at least some of those jobs. We try to be as fair and equitable as possible with respect to Suffolk and Plainridge and have a fund where monies that would have gone to the licenses of the greyhound tracks would now be directed to a stabilization fund so that we are trying to be equitable and fair and there is no windfall. The bill is three pages. This allows us as we contemplate the gaming issue and the Speaker looks at a number of proposals over the next several months, this allows additional time to figure out how racetracks fit in.

JONES AMENDMENT: Rep. Jones offered an amendment, number 3, in line 88 of the bill. Rep. Mariano directed the clerk to not read the full amendment. The amendment was ADOPTED.

Rep. Poirier doubted the presence of a quorum. A roll call was ordered. Speaker DeLeo was in the chair.

A ROLL CALL VOTE INDICATED 143 MEMBERS PRESENT AT 1:34 P.M.

Rep. Brady of Brockton was recognized to speak and Speaker DeLeo ordered members to their seats.

Rep. Brady said I rise to support the bill to extend simulcasting. I stand with my constituents in Brockton. Three hundred and 50 middle class homes have been lost to foreclosure. The problems get worse. We have adopted legislation to reform the transportation infrastructure and our pension system. The people wait with anticipation for job growth. Biotechnology, gaming offer the opportunity to work and position Massachusetts to be an economic leader. The construction industry stands ready to build and our residents stand ready to reeducate themselves to work in industry. I remember how many of my constituents worked at the Raynham Track. I understand the future will move us in a different direction. Consider the present. We can save 150 jobs at Raynham Park. We can maintain revenues. I ask that you consider the present, the revenues and jobs, and that you pass this favorably. Thank you.

Rep. Brady was applauded for his maiden speech.

WOLF AMENDMENT: Rep. Wolf at 1:49 p.m. offered an amendment. The clerk read the amendment but it was largely inaudible, due to both the members talking a weakened sound system. Amendment REJECTED.

Bill engrossed on voice vote at 1:50 p.m. At 1:53 p.m., Rep. Dempsey moved reconsideration, which did not prevail.

DISCLAIMER: Bill texts and histories are available at [www.state.ma.us/legis/legis.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/legis/legis.htm). All votes are voice votes, unless otherwise noted. Bills ordered to third reading have been given initial approval. To engross a bill is to pass it and send it to the other branch. The last of three votes taken on bills that reach the governor's desk is the vote on enactment. So, it's third reading (initial approval), engrossment (passage) and enactment. The News Service coverage of legislative debate is an accurate summary of remarks, not a verbatim transcript.

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(11.17) SENATE FORMAL: The Senate plans to meet in a formal session at 1 p.m. to take up simulcasting legislation aimed at enabling Wonderland and Raynham Park to keep taking bets after live racing ceases on Jan. 1. (Tuesday)

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(11.17) SENATE BILL RESTORES FUNDS FOR COMPULSIVE GAMBLING COUNCIL  
The Senate on Tuesday night approved legislation extending simulcasting rights at two dog tracks that lose live dog racing rights in the new year. The bill contains an appropriation to restore funds for the Council on Compulsive Gambling that were cut by Gov. Deval Patrick, according to Sen. Karen Spilka, and includes \$100,000 for the State Racing Commission. Sen. Susan Tucker, speaking against the bill, said lawmakers were launching an era of off-track betting and predicted that niche market would expand, once authorized. Bill supporters said it would preserve jobs at Wonderland in Revere and at Raynham Park.

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SENATE SESSION (PART 3) - TUESDAY, NOV. 17, 2009

MURRAY ENTERS: Senate President Therese Murray entered the chamber. The time was 6:56 p.m.

RETURNS: The Senate returned at 7 p.m., Senate President Murray presiding.

EXTENDING SIMULCASTING: Question came on H 4323 relative to extending simulcasting. The Senate adopted a Ways and Means amendment. The bill, as amended, was ordered to third reading.

Sen. Spilka said, This bill is an important bill in that it helps to protect jobs. It extends simulcasting races at the greyhound tracks and the horse tracks. Both are set to expire as of Dec. 31, 2009. This extends it for seven months, until July 31, 2010. We do not change the initiative petition. We are not allowing live dog racing. I think that's very clear and very important for people to understand. This creates a racing stabilization fund. Monies that went to improving greyhound racing will go into this fund. It will be used for specific things. The House creates a fund. We are putting \$300,000 of the fund towards the Mass Office of Compulsive Gambling to restore the 9C cuts and keep the office afloat. We assist displaced workers, up to \$300,000, specifying first that the money should be used for federal funds. The other things that we do that the House does not which I think are important is we have much more transparency and oversight of the racing commission and the accounting system. We require monthly reporting on jobs retained, both full-time and part-time, to get an accounting. We have that the racing stabilization fund controlled by Administration and Finance. They would have oversight of disbursement of funds. I think it's a fair bill, I think it's helpful to folks. It will save jobs and that's what so important in the Commonwealth right now.

Sen. Tucker said, I understand that there are many senators in this district that are working very hard for the people they represent. I only wish that some of the people in my district got half the attention when they were laid off because I know how painful it is to families. I'm voting against this bill, Madam President, because you need to understand what we're doing here. We're extending the menu of places for people to gamble. We are creating off-track betting. You can have simulcasting and no live racing. In my experience, the nature of the beast is to grow and grow and grow. And I predict that is precisely what will happen with the new item on the gambling menu. One has to only look at the lottery that was voted as a single drawing and it was supposed to save our education system. And look at it today. I have to remind you that gambling revenue is not only unstable, it is regressive and costs your constituents and taxpayers a great deal of money. I admire the great lady from Framingham for trying to throw some money to compulsive gambling. But I think it's time we tell the truth. The gamblers are what support the industry. And it's the first thing we cut. It was cut today. I think it's time that we call things what they are. And this is a placeholder for tracks to stay open to get slot machines. And that's what this debate is really about. For that reason, I'm not supporting this proposal.

Sen. Pacheco said, I want to rise and thank you and thank Sen. Spilka and all of those who have worked on this. I know the Senate President Pro Tem and the chair of Ways and Means have worked on this issue. This in my opinion is a jobs bill. This will save half the jobs that would otherwise be lost by the end of December of this year. There are over 1,000 families that would be impacted. They will know they will have employment. Thank you very much and I hope this legislation passes.



At 7:27 p.m., The Senate adopted a Sen. McGee amendment and then engrossed the bill.

ADJOURNS: The Senate adjourned at 7:28 p.m. to meet next 11 a.m. Wednesday in a full formal session.

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(11.18) SIMULCASTING: Question came on concurring with a House further amendment to H 4323 extending simulcasting.

The Senate suspended the rules to take of the matter forthwith. The Senate concurred with the House further amendment. Time was 7:39 p.m.

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(11.18) SIMULCASTING: By a 2-0 standing vote, the Senate attached an emergency preamble to H 4323 extending simulcasting.

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(11.22) ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

Lawmakers this week sent more than 20 bills to the governor's desk, most of them of the local variety. Four bills worth noting include the fiscal 2010 supplemental budget (H 4359) and bills extending simulcasting (S 4323); preserving affordable housing units at risk of converting to market rates (S 2190) and transferring oversight of clean energy investments (H 4253). The rest dealt with liquor licenses and land conveyances, leases and transfers. Action is due on the supplemental budget by Sunday, Nov. 29, a day after the deadline for action on an extension of racetrack simulcasting. Other bills awaiting action include:

H 4359 - "An Act Establishing Fiscal Stability Measures for Fiscal Year 2010" (Action due by Nov. 29)

**H 4323 - "An Act Extending Simulcasting" (Action due by Nov. 28)**

H4253 - "An Act Relative to Clean Energy" (Action due by Nov. 26)

S 2190 "An Act preserving Publicly-Assisted Affordable Housing" (Action due by Nov. 28)

S 2063 - "An Act Authorizing the Town of Templeton to Grant an Additional License for the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be Drunk Off on the Premises" (Action due by Nov. 27)

S 2075 - "An Act Relative to the Lease of Property at Sandwich High School" (Action due by Nov. 27)

H 4309 - "An Act Providing for Saltwater Fishing Licenses" (Action due by Nov. 27)

H 4314 - "An Act Authorizing the Town of Harwich to Convey Certain Recreational Land" (Action due by Nov. 28)

S 2147 - "An Act Authorizing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Town of Kingston to Exchange Certain Parcels of Land" (Action due by Nov. 28)

H 4351 - "An Act Relative to the Leasing of the Horseneck Point Lifesaving Station in the Town of Westport to the Westport Fishermen's Association" (Action due by Nov. 28)

H 4350 - "An Act Providing for the Transfer of Certain State Real Property to the Town of

Hopkinton" (Action due by Nov. 28)

H4347 - "An Act Authorizing the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, Inc. to Lease Certain Property to the National Park Service" (Action due by Nov. 28)

H 610 - "An Act Relative to a Conveyance of Land in the town of East Longmeadow" (Action due by Nov. 28)

H 4357 - "An Act Authorizing the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of Land in the Town of Sharon" (Action due by Nov. 28)

H 4356 - "An Act Relative to the Leasing of Certain Parcels of Land in the City of Boston" (Action due by Nov. 28)

H 4349 - "An Act Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to Transfer an Easement in Certain Land in the Town of Natick to Michael Audette" (Action due by Nov. 28)

H 4300 - "An Act Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to Convey, Lease, and Grant Easements with Respect to Certain Land in the Town of Uxbridge" (Action due by Nov. 28)

S 2074 - "An Act Relative to the Sandwich Visitor Services Board" (Action due by Nov. 29)

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**(11.24.09) DOG TRACKS GET SIMULCAST LIFELINE:** Dog tracks in Revere and Raynham may offer wagering on races simulcast from other tracks under legislation signed Tuesday afternoon by Gov. Deval Patrick. Dog racing is banned effective Jan. 1, 2010 under a voter-approved ballot law and proponents of the seven-month extension of simulcast betting rights at Wonderland and Raynham Park say the move will save jobs, while respecting the voter law and giving track owners continued standing in the expanded gambling debate anticipated in the Legislature next year. Patrick approved the bill but sent back to the Legislature, with amendments, sections of the legislation dealing with oversight of and apportionment of funds from a new Racing Stabilization Fund. **6:00 P.M.**