

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](#)

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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 in 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 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 Piontkowski 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 SESSION1991 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.