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## **LEGISLATURE READIES ASSAULT ON QUALITY OF LIFE IN R.I.**

**A massive assault on the quality of life in R.I. is about to be launched by the General Assembly as it moves to consider legislation to expand gambling at Newport Grand and Lincoln's Twin River. It is up to us to stop it.**

**While the precise provisions of the gambling package have not been determined, bills have been introduced that range from permitting 24 hour gambling in Newport and Lincoln to allow these slot parlors to morph into full-scale destination casinos like Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun in Connecticut.**

**Citizens Concerned About Casino Gambling (CCACG), the 31-year-old Aquidneck Island-based foe of casino gambling, has secured a pledge from House Speaker William C. Murphy to hold a hearing for all Rhode Islanders on gambling legislation at the Old Colony House on Washington Square in Newport.**

**This hearing of the House Finance Committee is next Thursday, February 7 at 4:00 pm. Doors open at 3:00 pm. Whatever expansion scheme is proposed, its success means an increase in traffic congestion, drugs and general crime. Inevitably accompanying 24-hour gambling would come the 24-hour sale of alcoholic beverages. Think of what this would mean to the patrons of bars that close at 1:00 am when they have an all-night spot to drive to. How many emergency vehicles would we need to deal with the carnage?**

**Everyone concerned about the quality of life in Little Rhody should be prepared to join in showing the General Assembly by their presence or their testimony our widespread opposition to the expansion of gambling.**

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**CITIZENS CONCERNED ABOUT CASINO GAMBLING (CCACG)**

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