



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## Overtime Session

The General Assembly leadership and the Governor continued to meet this week in an attempt to work out their differences on the budget and new revenue sources to fund health care expansion, pension funding, capital development projects, education and all other state government operations.

The Illinois AFL-CIO and affiliate unions have been involved in talks with leaders from both Chambers and will continue to fight for a state budget that is favorable to working families.

The House will be convening at 2 p.m. on Tuesday and is expected to stay until Thursday. The Senate is coming in at Noon on Thursday.

## State Federation Supporting Gaming Expansion

The Illinois AFL-CIO this week testified before the House Gaming Committee in favor of gaming expansion in Illinois to create much-needed state revenue.

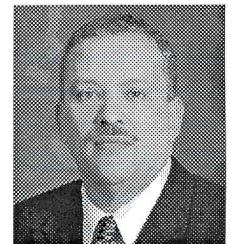
"Expansion of gaming would create thousands of jobs as well as millions of dollars in new revenue for our state," said Michael Carrigan, president of the State Federation. "Increasing gambling outlets would boost the state's tourism, racing and entertainment industries, as well as our convention business. It would help attract more visitors from outside our state...visitors who might otherwise choose to spend their dollars in Wisconsin, Indiana or Nevada."

Both the House and Senate are considering gambling expansion bills. The bills could do one or all of the following; increase the number of slot machines at existing casinos, add gaming machines at Illinois' race tracks, add one or more land-based casinos, add one or more river boat casinos, and/or allow electronic wagering at race tracks and casinos.

"Whether you agree with gambling or not...gaming is a user-tax paid by those who choose to participate," said Carrigan. "Working families in Illinois are depending on lawmakers to step up this year and create new revenue sources that will better fund our state's vital services and programs. The Illinois AFL-CIO is in full support of gaming expansion as a source of new state funds."

## Union Members in the General Assembly

We are featuring legislators in the General Assembly who are card-carrying union members. This week we are featuring Representative Luis Arroyo, who sits on the House Labor Committee. Luis Arroyo was born June 13th, 1954 in Corozal, Puerto Rico. He moved to Chicago with his family and attended Pulaski Elementary School and Tuley High School (now Roberto Clemente High School). **He has been a member of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers and a Chicago municipal employee since 1985.** Luis is also very active in his community and is the owner of Arroyo's Restaurant which he has owned for five years.



### Rep. Arroyo is;

- A Board Member of the McCormick-Tribune YMCA
- A past Puerto Rican Paraden Committee Vice-Treasurer
- A Poetas Baseball League Sponsor (Humboldt Park)
- A past Member of the Fullerton Merchants Association
- Married (Maribel) with three adult children (Luis Jr., Denise & Alberto), and two grandchildren (Jocelyn & Jaylen)

Luis Arroyo was selected to replace Willie Delgado who moved to the Senate. He became a Representative in 2006 and has been a strong advocate for workers in the General Assembly. The Illinois AFL-CIO thanks Representative Luis Arroyo for his service to working families.