

Is this the direction we want to take Connecticut? I say no. The focus needs to be on creating a better economy, attracting new employers and their skilled labor, improving educational opportunities, lowering taxes and regulations, and eliminating fraud and waste. Instead, we expand the hours stores may sell alcohol and now seek more accessibility to gambling. So, if I understand correctly, rather than create a State where individuals can improve their quality of life through decent paying jobs, it is more important to exploit their weaknesses via consumption of alcohol and gambling for the benefit of DRS.

To second what Senator Frantz asserts, Keno:

- Is a form of gambling which preys upon the most vulnerable in our society.
- Has been referred to as a "misery tax" and "video crack."
- Is a bad bet for our state, which is seeking to increase revenue in any way possible.

Problem gambling leads to debt, bankruptcies, broken families and crime.

Anyone supporting this bill should be ashamed.

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