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State Gaming: Too Much of a Gamble or a Good Way to Raise State Dollars Labor & Commerce Committee to Meet October 1st

(ANCHORAGE) – Some say State gaming may very well be part of the answer to bridging the State’s fiscal

gap. Others say the social consequences outweigh any benefits. The Senate Labor and Commerce

Committee will review the issue, Wednesday October 1st, from 11:00-6:00p.m. The Committee will

spend time listening to public testimony regarding SB 178 and SB 186, both introduced by Sen. Robin

Taylor (R-Wrangell) during last year’s Legislative session.

SB 178 establishes a State lottery and The Alaska State Lottery Corp., a five-member board appointed by the Governor to manage lottery affairs and generate State revenue. SB 186 authorizes charitable gaming permits for electronic gaming in places restricted to those 21 years old and older. The hearing will be teleconferenced Statewide and members welcome public testimony from all parties interested or involved with gaming in the State of Alaska.

Who: The Senate Labor & Commerce Committee

Why: To review proposed gaming legislation and receive public testimony.

Where: Anchorage LIO Building, 716 W. 4th Ave, Room 220

When: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 1, 2003