Capitol Hill Update on Gaming

There have been a few federal legislative efforts related to gaming in 2022 and 2023. Below is a brief outline of these bills.

H.R. 6937

Congresswoman Dina Titus (D-NV) sponsored H.R. 6937. The bill was introduced on March 3, 2022 and subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. The bill **proposes** to increase the reporting threshold for slot machine jackpots from \$1,200 to \$5,000 (https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6937/text?s=6&r= 1&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22slot+machine%22%5D%7D)



H.R. 1661

Congresswoman Titus sponsored H.R. 1661, also known as the "Discriminatory Gaming Tax **Repeal Act of 2023."** The bill was introduced on March 17, 2023 and subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. The bill **proposes to repeal the federal** excise tax on wagering (https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/ 1661/text?s=1&r=2&g=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22gaming%22%5D%7D)



H.R. 967

Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY) sponsored H.R. 967, also known as the "Betting on Our Future Act." The bill was introduced on February 9, 2023 and subsequently referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce On February 17, 2023, the bill was sent to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. The bill would **prohibit advertising of sports** wagering on electronic medium (https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/ house-bill/967/text?s=1&r=16&g=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22gaming%22%5D%7D)



Congressman John W. Rose (R-TN) sponsored H.R. 1220, also known as the "Bank Privacy Reform Act." The bill was introduced on February 7, 2023 and subsequently referred the House Committee on Financial Services. The bill proposes to prohibit all government entities from obtaining copies of confidential records or the financial information therein of a customer from a financial institution without a detailed search warrant pursuant to Section 1106 (https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1220, text?s=4&r=1&q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22bank+secrecy+act%22%5D%7D)

Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) sponsored S. 2498, also known as the "Hotel Fees Transparency Act of 2023." The bill was introduced on July 26, 2023 and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. The bill would authorize the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general to bring civil enforcement actions regarding certain trade **practices by short-term lodging operators** (including "a hotel, motel, inn, short-term rental, or other place of lodging that advertises at a price that is a nightly, hourly, or weekly rate") that "advertise, display, market, or offer in interstate commerce, including through direct offerings, third-party distribution, or metasearch referrals, a price for a place of short-term lodging that does not include all required fees (excluding any taxes or fees imposed by a government or quasi-government entity and assessment fees of a government-created special district or program)" (https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/2498?s=1&r=23).