

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 170

Introduced by Assembly Member Zettel

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 170—Relative to Indian gaming.

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ACR 170, as introduced, Zettel. Indian gaming: economic impacts.

This measure would request that Cruz M. Bustamante, Lieutenant Governor, commission a study by the Economic Development Commission of the economic impact of Indian gaming.

Fiscal committee: yes.

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2 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed, and President
3 Ronald Reagan signed, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of
4 1988, and the State of California enacted the Tribal-State Gaming
5 Compact of 1999 to “provide a statutory basis for the operation of
6 gaming by Indian tribes as a means of promoting tribal economic
7 development”; and
8 WHEREAS, Indian gaming revenues should directly support
9 tribal economic development within the State of California

1 through the creation of employment and contributions to tribal
2 trust funds; and

3 WHEREAS, Indian gaming appears to be a significant source
4 of revenue for Indian tribes and the State of California, with
5 approximately \$1.4 billion of total casino revenue in 1997 and
6 \$120 million in state and local taxes receipts; and

7 WHEREAS, The total economic impact of Indian gaming on
8 surrounding communities and the State of California is significant,
9 and should be assessed; and

10 WHEREAS, The purpose of the California Commission for
11 Economic Development is to provide continuing bipartisan
12 legislative, executive branch, and private sector support and
13 guidance for the best possible overall economic development of
14 the state; and

15 WHEREAS, Since the signing of the Tribal-State Gaming
16 Compact of 1999, the number of slot machines in operation has
17 increased and the correlation between the number of slot machines
18 and job creation is unknown; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
20 *thereof concurring,* That Cruz M. Bustamante, Lieutenant
21 Governor of the State of California, commission a study by the
22 Economic Development Commission of the economic impact of
23 Indian gaming on the State of California.

