



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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# Addabbo Statement on Gaming Legislation Passed by State Legislature

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**Queens, NY, March 20, 2012** – NYS Senator **Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.**, a member of the Senate's Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee, today released the following statement on last week's passage of legislation by both houses to allow full casino gaming:

*Due to the procedural breakdown in the Senate Chambers during the March 14<sup>th</sup> session, I refused to take part in a process that silenced the voices of our people in the state. Nevertheless, I would have supported the certain passage of the New York State Gaming legislation, which was the first step in what will probably be a three-year process. It is a step closer to having our residents vote on a referendum that could bring full gaming to the state. It is a step closer for my constituents to have thousands of additional job opportunities at Resorts World. It is a step closer for our local communities, businesses, along with city and state governments to realize a greater potential for revenue growth. As I have stated about the issue of full gaming and the proposed convention center, we must proceed forward in a cautious manner. I am an advocate for community input on these issues and feel most people would want their voices heard before any plans are implemented. I look forward to working for my constituents and hearing their*

*concerns on this issue.*

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