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# Another Bill to Expand the Wire Act: Bad Law Clothed in a Lie

It is ironic that recent proposed legislation that would expand the scope of the federal Wire Act comes from a U.S. senator in the South, where "states' rights" has always been a rallying cry. The recent focus on the presence of the Confederate battle flag on the grounds of the South Carolina capitol (and elsewhere) brought back to the fore the specter of "states' rights" - the seemingly high-minded excuse used by the antebellum Southern states to enslave and oppress an entire race of people, and used in the postbellum South to deprive those same human beings of their inalienable civil rights under the Constitution. Each state, advocates said, had the right to pass laws that reflected the will of its own population without the interference of a federal government whose broad reach threatened the shadow of tyranny. Apparently that argument only applies when states are seeking to oppress minorities. Recently, presidential candidate and Senator Lindsey Graham introduced S.1688 - a bill with a name and policy pitch that rely on a false history of U.S. gaming legislation. The bill would expand...

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JEFF IFRAH TO SPEAK AT INAUGURAL DAILY FANTASY SPORTS EXPO AUG. 6-7



Jeff Ifrah will speak at the Daily Fantasy Sports Expo on August 6-7, 2015 at the Miami Beach Convention Center.

As fantasy sports revenues increase, legislators are taking notice of the opportunity to regulate. Regulation is often considered beneficial to industry with the safeguards it provides. Jeff will discuss these and other motivations behind the calls for regulation and argue that to the contrary, such regulation will ultimately hurt the fantasy sports industry by shutting out new businesses and competitive startups looking to join the market. He will also discuss why and how the industry should continue to



### The "Fight of the Century" in its 13th Round

It's not uncommon to see sports fans get emotional at a game, match, race, or fight. They feel invested in their team, invested in their athlete. For the sports bettors out there, that investment may be literal, but for most it's largely emotional. So at the hour of defeat do disappointed fans have a legal right to a return on their investment if the contest wasn't all it cracked up to be? Some boxing fans think so. A class action lawsuit was filed in federal court in Nevada against boxer Manny Pacquiao and his promoters, alleging the athlete fraudulently failed to disclose a shoulder injury before last Saturday's fight against Floyd Mayweather. The lawsuit was filed by two Nevada residents who seek to represent the claims of event ticketholders, pay-per-view purchasers, and sports bettors. According to the complaint, Pacquiao and his promoters lied...

rely on selfregulation, instead of allowing lawmakers to step in with harmful legislation.

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## Phoenix Project: Atlantic City Can Rise From The Ashes

Most of the news from the Atlantic City Boardwalk over the last couple of

years has not been promising. Several of the massive casino resort properties there have closed and/or slipped into bankruptcy, and the resale or reopening of the properties has been stalled by legal and financial hurdles. But a new plan for development of the Boardwalk hopes to take the area in a different direction. Dubbed the "Phoenix Project," the plan is the brainchild of New Jersey-based Stockton University and Florida real estate developer Glenn Straub. Straub's \$82 million purchase of the former Revel casino was just approved by a bankruptcy judge this past Thursday. He has also agreed to buy the former Showboat casino from Stockton University in order to give the university more time to resolve the legal dispute arising from their intention to establish a satellite campus at the site. The full plan would include the presence of two universities, indoor and outdoor water parks, an equestrian complex, and a pair of "super-yacht" marinas. The eight-part plan also includes...

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### Minnesota Phases Out State Lottery-Operated Online Games

Minnesota's legislature recently passed a bill that bars the Minnesota Lottery from offering online games, following a four month transition period. Specifically, the new law bans the lottery director from offering "the play of, on an electronic terminal, through a Web site, or by any other means or device, casino-style games, including but not limited to blackjack, craps, keno, dice games, roulette, or poker." The legislation also bans the sale of lottery tickets through a self-service device at gas

stations or ATMs, and the Lottery may not sell instant win lottery tickets through a Web site. Tickets sales remain permitted for "draw" games. Minnesota's new law rolls back the clock. Minnesota was the first state to sell instant-play games via the Internet. However, state legislators asserted that the Lottery had exceeded...

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