

This week there are bills that will affect souls of families and the sexualization of youth. It will also clearly show what is the priority of our state and our leaders (that we voted for and what we will fund). Gambling bill supposed to benefit education but we know full well will harm families and make way for more addicts in our state. Plus more money is not the answer but getting rid of evil indoctrination. HB385-should remove the Library exemption that has allowed them to keep trashy books in libraries. Please call your Senator to make it come to the Senate floor for a vote (it already passed House Floor and Senate Committee). Same thing with HB167 HB167-should make porn filters be "on" cell phones to protect the young vs off. Call Senator at 334 261-0800. Food for thought: Alabama House of Representatives kicks off National Day of Prayer with Hindu prayer. Time for more prayers and fasting over who is involved in our Statehouse and how our state and nation are being changed. Also, how the young people are being used. Can we say we are off-kilter?

From Kay Ivey-When She was Treasurer

(Now Gov. and Pro Gambling)

Then there is the cost of the social problems that go hand-in glove with legalized gambling. Gambling proponents don't like to talk about them, but I assure you they are there.

Consider this:

- The average pathological gambler **affects, directly or indirectly, eight other people**, including family, friends, and co-workers. One-third of gambling addicts have been arrested, compared to only 5% of non-gamblers.
- Gambling addiction seriously **affects absenteeism and job productivity. More than 20% of problem gamblers in treatment have lost a job because of their gambling.**
- Gambling addicts are **four times more likely to have poor mental health and are four times more likely to attempt suicide** than those without gambling problems.
- If legalizing gambling raised the percent of gamblers in our state to the national average. 15,000 additional gambling addicts would be created, **at a cost of more than 200 million per year in crime**, lost productivity and costs for health and human services.
- I agree with people who want to attract new jobs to their communities and who want to find new revenue sources for our state government. But you won't find the answer in legalized gambling.

It is better for him if a millstone is hung around his neck and he is thrown into the sea, than



that he may cause one of these little ones to sin. Luke 17:2

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