

NHBPA FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT



*Horseracing Integrity and Safety
Act of 2013
(H.R. 2012/S.973)*

What Legislation Does



- USADA to regulate and enforce medication rules in racing
- Lasix ban for 3-year-olds and older
- Interstate off-track wagers require USADA consent
- Costs of USADA ultimately passed onto horsemen

H.R. 2012 and S. 973

H.R. 2012

- Sponsor: Joe Pitts (R-PA), Chairs E&C Subcommittee on Health
- 20 cosponsors, 5 are E&C members
- Bill referred to E&C's Subcommittee on CMT
- Phil Hanrahan testified against legislation on Nov. 21st before the CMT Subcommittee

S. 973

- Companion bill to H.R. 2012
- Sponsor: by Sen. Tom Udall (D-NM)
- Two cosponsors
- Referred to Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee
 - Chaired by Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-WVa)

Rumors Regarding H.R. 2012/S. 973



- Bill could be added to H.R. 1518 “*Prevent All Soring Tactics Act*”
- H.R. 1518 is sponsored by Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY)
 - 258 cosponsors
- H.R. 1518 would amend the *Horse Protection Act of 1970*
- Senate companion bill, S. 1406
 - Introduced by Sen. Ayotte (R-NH) and Sen. Warner (D-VA)
 - 38 cosponsors

Internet Gambling Legislation

Three House Bills Introduced/Pending



1) H.R. 2282

- *Internet Gambling, Enforcement and Consumer Protection Act of 2013*
- Introduced by Rep. Peter King (R-NY)
- Authorizes and regulates through Treasury Department all forms of gambling, except sports

Three House Bills Introduced/Pending



2) H.R. 2666

- *Internet Poker Freedom Act of 2013*
- Introduced by Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX)
- Internet poker only
- Hearing on H.R. 2666 by House E&C's CMT Subcommittee on December 10, 2013

Three House Bills Introduced/Pending



3) H.R. 3491

- *Internet Gambling Regulation and Tax Enforcement Act*
- Introduced by Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA)
- Generates revenue for state, federal, and tribal governments by taxing a percentage of gaming proceeds

Senate Legislation on Internet Gambling



- No Senate legislation yet introduced
- Hearing: *The Expansion of Internet Gambling: Assessing Consumer Protection Concerns*
 - Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety and Insurance of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 - July 17, 2013

Immigration Reform Legislation

Senate Action



- The Senate approved a comprehensive reform bill, S. 744, in May 2013 by a vote of 68-32
- House GOP Leadership will not take up consideration of the Senate passed bill

House Action



- The House Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees have approved a number of smaller bills
 - None have reached the House floor

House Action



- The committee passed bills address:
 - Interior enforcement and border security
 - New agricultural guest worker program
 - High skilled visas
 - Expansion of current E-Verify System
 - Operational control of security in high traffic areas along U.S. border

House Action



- Timing of additional House action on immigration reform is not clear
- Speaker Boehner has recently stated he is preparing a set of “principles” and “standards” to guide the House’s path forward

Federal Tax Legislation

House Action



- Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) has sponsored two tax bills of interest to race horse owners:

Andy Barr's Bills



H.R. 998

- *Equine Tax Parity Act*
- Would make horse owners eligible for capital gains treatment after 12 months, rather than 24 months, similar to other assets (except cattle)

H.R. 2212

- *Race Horse Recovery Act*
- Would put all race horses in the 3-year category for depreciation purposes
- These provisions were enacted in 2008 but expired at the end of 2013

Possible Path of Bills



- Bills will not move independently

The End.

