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House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, PA

RE: Public Hearing, Sept. 12, 1996
HB 2308 (Kenney Riverboat Gambling)

Gentlemen:

As requested by your letter dated September 4, 1996, I would like to submit the following information and resume for your consideration and the effects of the expansion of gambling, by means of riverboats in Pennsylvania.

My name is Donald G. Reed, age 65, married with two sons. I am also a self-employed businessman located in Hermitage, PA.

For many years I was involved in gambling, starting with the small game of chance, became possessed with a compulsion for a faster way of making money and started gambling in Las Vegas and other places to satisfy my compulsion to gamble. In 1974 I became a Born Again Christian, (John 3:3) and was in debt to over 30 financial institutions, 40 creditors, due to gambling but did not declare bankruptcy. It took me over 17 years to pay all my creditors. I am very concerned and I can very well relate to the higher forms of gambling in PA. I believe the higher forms of gambling will give to the men, women, and children additional opportunities that they cannot control and will result in many broken homes, loss of jobs, and is not good for society in general.

I have been able to help many individuals and families from my approach from a Christian point of view. I believe that Gamblers Anonymous has done a tremendous job. However, you cannot and should not put opportunities in front of people who are weak in areas of their life just as alcohol has caused many problems in our country.

Sincerely yours,

Donald G. Reed



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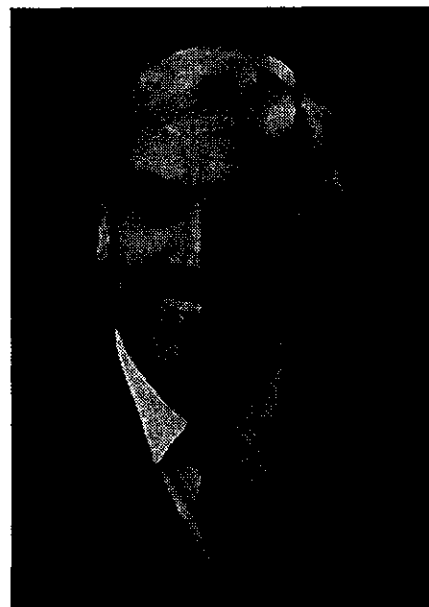


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Don established a successful accounting firm and ran a \$300,000 motel, but his lust for alcohol and gambling destroyed them both.

Today he is no longer an alcoholic or compulsive gambler because he met Jesus face to face in November of 1974 and was delivered of both alcohol and gambling. God said, don't declare bankruptcy, and in 1985, Don finished paying 30 financial institutions and over 40 creditors. His wife, Donna is an Associate Broker for Evelyn Amsdell Real Estate in Hermitage, Pa. They have two sons, Don and Doug.

Don speaks to secular and non-secular groups on any selected subjects. Don started over in 1974, and now has 1,200 individual, corporate and partnership clients all over the country. He is also a Registered Representative for H & R Investments, Inc., of New Castle, Pa. for IRA's, pensions or investment needs.

Many individuals or Christians do not realize that we have been helping CTV, Wall, Pa. get UHF TV-50 established in the Shenango Valley and the surrounding communities. We need your prayers and financial support. Since we now are not on cable in our area, you can pick up UHF TV-50 by purchasing a two bow-tie antenna system, or in some cases, rabbit ears. You should be able to pick up the 24-hour Christian television station unless you are in a low area or an area that is blocked out because we are a low powered relay station.

Since this television station has only been on the air for a very short period of time, we have received so much encouragement. I personally want to thank you for picking up this entire package and take it to your pastor and friends, have them photostat it, pass it to others, etc., so that we will have enough Christians to encourage the local cable company to carry this family channel of good Christian programming.

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