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Senator Kearney Offers Amendment to Get Cincinnati Casino Back to Work

Columbus – State Senator Eric H. Kearney (D-Cincinnati) offered an amendment today to remove a provision from the State budget that would require casinos to pay the Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) based on gross receipts. Construction on casinos in Cincinnati and Cleveland stopped nearly a month ago because of a still unresolved dispute between Rock Gaming and the Kasich administration over tax issues.

“If the intent of the House of Representative’s provision was to bring about a faster resolution of the casino tax issue, it clearly has not worked,” said Senator Kearney. “I think it’s time to try another approach, and that’s why I offered the amendment. The state budget is not the place to play games with this issue. We need to put people back to work.”

Senator Kearney had the support of all the Democratic members of the Senate Finance committee. But, Republicans, who hold a majority on the committee, defeated the amendment.

“I am disappointed that Republicans on the committee did not support the amendment,” said Senator Kearney. “We need to get this issue resolved so construction can resume.”

Senator Kearney represents Cincinnati, Norwood, Deer Park, Silverton, Springfield Township, Golf Manor, St. Bernard, Elmwood Place, Cheviot, Addyston, North Bend, Columbia Township and Cleves.