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### Bill's Letters to the Editors of the Nashua Telegraph newspaper

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- If the state spent less, we could use the savings for local property tax relief. [More...](#)
- Let's be honest. The main target market for gambling here in New Hampshire is Massachusetts residents. They already flock to the Connecticut resort casinos. Give them a reason for a shorter drive to friendly New Hampshire. [More...](#)

### Term limits are better than public financing

Thursday, January 28, 2010

Steve Schonberg, in his letter of Jan. 22, is rightly concerned about Congress being influenced – “bribed” as he calls it – by outside interests, although he refers to only one group (“Here’s why Democrats lost Massachusetts race”).

As was recently decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, First Amendment rights to free speech are a core part of our liberty. Those rights apply to groups and individuals. His proposal for a constitutional amendment to restrict those rights through public financing of elections seems ill-advised.

However, a simpler alternative exists to support his goal to “stop the corruption in Congress.” It’s called term limits.

The founders of our country, who were well versed in the tyranny of Europe, went through great lengths to prevent monarchy rule in our new country by separation of powers. Unfortunately, the lack of term limits has resulted, in many cases, in a ruling class of political elite in Congress.

The combination of gerrymandered districts and special-interest fundraising has enabled this ruling elite to keep themselves in power for decades. And history has shown that power corrupts.

Our Founding Fathers served in our elected government for a limited time and then returned to their normal lives. George Washington became a whisky manufacturer; John Adams returned to the family farm in Quincy, Mass.

They anticipated a citizen legislature of like-minded, civic individuals: Serve the public for a limited time, then return home.

I suggest if we wish to take up a constitutional amendment, it would be for congressional term limits.

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### **NH property tax ranking a sad state of affairs**

September 30, 2009 Section: Letters

The Sept. 23 front-page headline in The Telegraph, "State slips to third nationally in local property tax rank," sounds like good news. Wow, third nationally? Maybe our property taxes are not so high after all.

Oh, read the article. We are now the third-highest in the nation. We really rank 47th, third from the worst. That's a disgrace.

What residents should read is Nashua Rep. Carl Seidel's commentary on the flawed state budget process published June 21 ("Flawed budget process is truly in need of repair").

There is no budget process. It's spend first and tax later.

If the state spent less, we could use the savings for local property tax relief. That would improve our tax ranking.

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### Let's move forward with Hudson casino

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The Sagamore Crossing proposal to allow a resort hotel casino with a golf course and convention center in Hudson makes sense to me. Go down to the Foxwoods Resort Casino or Mohegan Sun and check out the license plates, especially overnight. There are many out-of-towners bringing cash into the state of Connecticut. Those are really nice sites and frequently visitors come to stay for more than a day.

Check out the daily hotel event schedule. These resorts always have business meetings going on. Lots of new jobs for the locals. Why not apply that successful model to similar sites in Hudson and the North Country?

What I don't like is turning racetracks into casinos, such as putting slot machines at Rockingham Park in Salem.

Racing is the sport of kings, but there are no longer any kings. Let the sport die. Look at the Twin River racino bankruptcy in Rhode Island. There is no need to subsidize track owners with slot machines that will suck the cash out of the local community.

Let's be honest. The main target market for gambling here in New Hampshire is Massachusetts residents. They already flock to the Connecticut resort casinos. Give them a reason for a shorter drive to friendly New Hampshire.

Gov. John Lynch's proposal to create a commission for further study is a great idea. Let's stop the emotional rhetoric, get the facts on the table, and see what the data tells us.

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