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## GAMING COMMISSION POSTPONES ST. LOUIS CASINO EXPANSION DECISION

JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri - Missouri Gaming Commission Chairman Floyd Bartch announced today that the Commission would not include consideration of casino expansion in the St. Louis metropolitan area on the agenda for its July 8, 2004 meeting. "Due to the volume and complexity of the information prepared by the staff, I believe the Commission will benefit from additional time to study the material. This is an important decision. I know I need more time and I suspect the other Commissioners do as well."

Bartch did not speculate as to when the issue will be considered but offered that, "we will do it as soon as we have had adequate time to study the staff report and the staff has adequate time to answer any questions Commissioners might have."

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