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### **Support for Anderson's Hoosier Park at center of legislative study**

INDIANAPOLIS—State Senator Tim Lanane (D-Anderson) announced today that the legislative Interim Study Committee on Gaming will be reviewing relief options to aid the state's horse racing tracks and casinos. Lanane says the state continues to consider how the state's two horse racing tracks, Hoosier Park in Anderson and Indiana Downs in Shelbyville, and the horse racing industry can be strengthened.

The announcement comes after yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council of the Indiana General Assembly where legislative leaders finalized the topics assigned to 2010 interim study committees. The study committees will study and make findings and recommendations for the upcoming legislative session.

The Interim Study Committee on Gaming is charged with studying issues regarding breed development, rules for races limited to Indiana-bred horses, and issues related to the distribution of money between horsemen and horse racing tracks.

"I look forward to discussing the options available for supporting Hoosier Park, a facility that provides significant revenue and jobs in the Anderson community," Lanane said. "We do not want to see either track fail, so we need to keep working on creative ways to keep the tracks and the horse racing industry successful."

Lanane noted that the two tracks provided \$500 million in property tax relief in 2007 and 2008 to Hoosiers through licensing fees and continue to contribute significant tax revenue to the state and local taxing districts.

Additionally, Lanane will represent the Senate Democrats this summer on the Census Data Advisory Committee, the committee of lawmakers charged with preparing the state for the 2011 legislative and congressional redistricting process. According to the state constitution, the General Assembly is responsible for setting new boundaries for state legislative districts and federal congressional districts. Legislative redistricting takes place every ten years after the national census is completed.

The General Assembly annually convenes interim study committees and permanent commissions to conduct in-depth research and analysis of issues affecting the state. Recommendations from these committees are typically due by November 1 and are often the basis for future legislation. More information about committee topics, schedules and agendas is available online at [www.in.gov/legislative/interim](http://www.in.gov/legislative/interim).

For more information on Sen. Lanane or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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