

## Nevada's Neal Won Primary With Anti-Gaming Campaign

Nevada State Senator Joe Neal won the Democratic primary for governor of his state, in the primary election held on Sept. 3. Neal, a crusader against the gambling casinos and deregulation, and a close collaborator of the LaRouche movement, won 36% of the vote, with the casino-organized "None of the Above" vote coming in at 24%.

Neal bucked a Democratic Party decision not to challenge incumbent Republican Gov. Kenny Guinn, who was endorsed by the AFL-CIO and the Teachers Union. Neal filed at the last moment, and spent only \$300 on his campaign.

"I'm running against the gaming industry," Neal told AP on Election Day. Neal is proposing tax increases on

the gambling interests in order to fund infrastructure projects, in a state which is facing a \$275 million budget shortfall over the next two years.

Neal spearheaded a successful effort to block energy deregulation in his state. Dereg had passed the legislature in 1997, but after a mobilization by Neal, in April 2001, the governor signed a bill ending sales of generating plants to privateer companies, and retaining state authority to set energy prices. Neal has traveled to California and Mexico with the LaRouche movement, to urge them not to destroy their own energy infrastructure with deregulation. He was interviewed in the July 26 issue of *EIR*.



stopped supporting.

Longtime investigators of the Arizona Mob have helped *EIR* to piece together a picture of events surrounding the Bolles murder, a crime whose beneficiaries and perpetrators still flourish.

Emprise was exposed as the pivot for a stream of loot for the mafia generally, and Bolles' probes made the company a political liability. Bruce Babbitt became Attorney General of Arizona in 1975, on a promise to kick Emprise out of the state. But Babbitt himself reportedly had a nasty gambling problem, incurring around \$170,000 in debts to several Las Vegas casinos and leaving payment promises that were reportedly picked up by the Mob, who squeezed him.

Early in 1976, Mafia Don Joe Bonanno reportedly chaired a meeting in Sierra Vista, Arizona, on what to do about Emprise. An Arizona resident since the 1950s, Bonanno had reportedly supervised redirecting the importation of heroin from the dried-up Turkey-New York-Montreal route (Bonanno's "French Connection") to the Colombia-Mexico-Arizona route.

Bonanno's assembled mobsters reportedly decided that Emprise/Delaware North would have to give up a couple of its Arizona tracks and acquire some in another state, for the sake of appearances. Attorney General Babbitt soon afterward announced a virtually identical scenario for "solving the Emprise problem."

Meanwhile Bolles was closing in. His revelations about Kemper Marley's Mob ties forced Marley to resign his post as the Emprise inside member of the Arizona Racing Commission. Don Bolles is said to have been getting increasing evidence on Emprise by befriendng the estranged wife of

Bradley Funk, the nominal partner and front man for Emprise in their Arizona Greyhound racetracks. For her divorce lawsuit, Bolles gave Mrs. Funk "discovery" questions aiming at Emprise secrets.

Bonanno and others at this point gave the go-ahead to Funk to plan a hit. After the killing, Funk disappeared from the state. Neither Funk nor Marley were prosecuted in the Bolles murder. John Adamson, who planted the bomb, had been a thug for the tracks, and a small-time Greyhound breeder, but though he spoke of Marley, he never implicated Emprise. And the IRE probers "deferred to Attorney General Babbitt" in leaving Emprise completely out of the picture.

### Democratic Leadership Council Connection

Bruce Babbitt, a Democrat of the Lieberman type, was rewarded by the dominant Republicans by ten years as Arizona's governor, while John McCain rose through Congress. Babbitt co-founded the Democratic Leadership Council with Lansky money launderer Michael Steinhardt. As U.S. Interior Secretary, Babbitt put Emprise/Delaware North in charge of running the concessions at Yosemite and other national parks! (What has Smokey been smoking?)

Joe Bonanno lived out a long life in the Mob's desert paradise. The *Arizona Republic* reported (Jan. 17, 1995) that 300 guests turned out to celebrate his 90th birthday. Sen. John McCain, a grateful man, sent his regards by telegram.

For McCain's 1998 Senate campaign, Emprise/Delaware North's Political Action Committee sent \$500. Then Jeremy Jacobs sent a \$500 contribution, in his own name. The criminal empire his father had founded was expanding in his hands, and he, too, was grateful.