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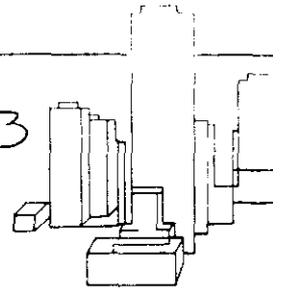
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Urban Affairs Committee

Honorable Dan Morales
Attorney General of Texas
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Dear Attorney General Morales:

Is it legal for persons in Texas to make telephone calls to wager on sports events to bookmaking operations located in Mexico? Specifically, does such conduct violate any provision of Chapter 47 governing Gambling? Secondly, would such telephone wagering be in violation of any federal law, including the Federal Criminal Code or FCC statute or regulation.

Also, can bookmaking operations located in Mexico advertise and promote their services to persons in Texas through the use of newspapers, radio and television stations or billboards located in Texas?

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE PIERCE
Chairman, Urban Affairs Committee
Texas House of Representatives
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