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"PLACE YOUR BETS!," SHOUTS TUCCILLE,
CHALLENGING STATE ANTI-GAMBLING LAWS

Jerry Tuccille, Free Libertarian Party candidate for governor, will set up a temporary casino outside Governor Wilson's Manhattan headquarters to challenge the statutes prohibiting gambling in New York State.

"Casino Tuccille" will open at noon on Thursday, 10 October, outside the midtown office of Malcolm Wilson, 1350 Avenue of the Americas (at 55th Street). The libertarian candidate will offer passers-by the unusual opportunity of spending part of their lunch hour betting on a game of roulette--up to a house limit of 25¢.

"Laws forbidding people to gamble or run casinos should be repealed," said Tuccille. "If someone wants to play a slot machine or a game of blackjack, no government has the right to say he can't.

"Such operations would have major economic benefits for New York. It's no secret that as a center of entertainment, Manhattan has been on the decline for years. If gambling were decriminalized, night clubs, hotels and restaurants would flourish again. The resultant increase in tourism would be an economic shot in the arm for the city."

Tuccille observed that his proposal will be needed "more than ever" should New Jersey voters decide next month to legalize casino gambling in that state. "If games of chance are available in New Jersey and not here, tourists will simply bypass New York--with money that would have been spent here going elsewhere instead.

"Considering the present economic situation," concluded Tuccille, "it's astounding that politicians who claim to be concerned with the well-being of our people have failed to allow casino gambling and its attendant advantages to all concerned. I call on my opponents to make their positions on this issue known to the voters."

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