

# 'ACTION' Backs Camden Plan

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The leader of the movement to bring legalized gaming to Atlantic City said Saturday that his group "welcomes with open arms" the decision of the Camden City Council to explore the possibilities of legalized gaming in the state.

Meyer I. (Mike) Segal, chairman of the ACTION Committee for Legalized Gaming, said that the announcement by the Camden's governing body has been discussed by members of his committee.

Late last week Camden's City Council asked the State legislature to appoint a commission

to study the feasibility of establishing statewide parimutuel off-track betting and other forms of legalized gaming.

### RESOLUTION APPROVED

Camden's request to the state came in the form of a resolution approved unanimously by Camden Council.

The resolution was introduced by Councilman John R. Marini. Following the introduction of the resolution each councilman voiced his support of statewide legalized gaming.

The resolution noted that other states had legalized gaming and off-track betting.

Gary Malamut, vice-chairman of the ACTION Committee's

Executive Board, also expressed "delight" with the Camden Council decision.

Hailing the move, Malamut noted, "We will be in contact with officials of the Camden area this week in an attempt to get together so that we might solidify our support of the legalized gaming movement."

### STRONG ADVOCATES

Malamut said that he and other members of the ACTION Committee were also strong advocates of the Camden Council's view that legalized gaming would serve as a "means of releasing police and the courts for more necessary law enforcement duties."

He said that both the Cam-  
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den and Atlantic City factions backing legalized gaming hold a similar position, that "revenue now channeled to the underworld is viewed as a source

of income to release property owners of increasing tax burdens to finance public services."

"With coordinated efforts by both the Atlantic City ACTION Committee and the municipal officials of Camden we hope to have a mighty voice when it comes to making the ultimate decision about the possibility of legalized gaming in the state," Malamut said.

In a coordinated action Saturday, Malamut traveled to Newark where he, "sounded out the opinions of several northern Jersey businessmen as to their position on legalized gaming."

He returned late Saturday stating that his talks with these business people were "fruitful."

"We will hold further meetings later this week," Malamut said.