

Congress scrutinizes bill outlawing online gaming in Nev.

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Congressional lawmakers took another intense look Wednesday at a controversial bill that would ban online gaming, including in Nevada and the other two states where it is already legal.

The bill was discussed in a House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hearing that focused largely on the legal and law enforcement aspects of gambling on the Internet. Arguments from the ban's proponents included that online gaming could not be confidently controlled and was too vulnerable to criminal activity, while ban opponents countered that legal online gambling websites are robustly regulated and actually steer Americans away from shady illegal sites.

The ban legislation, which has been introduced in both chambers of Congress, would roll back a 2011 Department of Justice opinion that paved the way for Nevada, New Jersey and Delaware to implement some form of legal online gaming.

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