

Fresh from providing testimony in support of Internet gambling regulation to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade, **Congressman John Campbell** told iGaming Business that the bi-partisan nature of the passage of any federal gambling regulation could yet see its implementation in 2012.

In contrast to many legal commentators who suggest that the 2012 Presidential elections plus the perilous state of the domestic and world economy would blight the progress of any federal solution, **Congressman Campbell** believes that the Presidential elections alone don't pose the threat that many are suggesting.

Despite his concession that the political agenda will make it difficult to pass any laws (not just those related to gambling) in 2012, he said there was hope for the federal opening of the market in the coming year. **"The regulation of gambling is important for four reasons: one, freedom of choice for Americans; two, tax revenue; three, consumer protection and four, job creation."**

On his testimony to the subcommittee, he added, **"I think the testimonies were received well and the fact that the hearing took place shows that Congress is interested in this bill (Congressman Joe Barton's HR2366) and that there is momentum for this issue."**

The full, exclusive interview with **Congressman John Campbell** can be read in the January/February issue of iGaming Business magazine.