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Chamber president Matt Marchand in Ottawa urging senators to pass single sports betting

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A day spent talking to senators had Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce president Matt Marchand feeling hopeful they'll finally pass Bill C-290, the single sports betting bill that promises jobs for this area.

Marchand had meetings in Ottawa with three influential senators Thursday and set up appointments with a couple more in the coming weeks to talk about the bill, which has languished in the Red Chamber since the House of Commons approved it 19 months ago with all-party support,

"I think there's definitely an opportunity here for success," said Marchand, who came to Ottawa armed with a Canadian Chamber of Commerce resolution — endorsed by the Canadian

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Guelph #Storm defence/goalies: Finn - Harpur, Leslie - Baltisberger, Trojanovic - McFadden. Nichols starts in goal and Mancina backs up.



Jim Parker 2m

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Guelph #Storm lines: Dickinson - Fabbri - Mitchell, McGinn - Garlent - Kosmachuk,

Labour Congress — that calls for senate approval. The supporters of the bill also have a new approach. They're emphasizing the fact that passing the bill doesn't automatically usher in single-sports betting Canadawide. Rather, it gives individual provinces the power to decide, he said.

"That's all we're asking is let the provinces decide," Marchand said. "That message seems to be playing particularly well with some senators."

Sports betting in Canada is currently limited to parlay betting, meaning gamblers have to make wagers on at least three separate sporting outcomes. Bill C-290, introduced as a private member's bill by MP Joe Comartin (NDP — Windsor-Tecumseh) in 2011, would change the Criminal Code to allow people to bet on a single game.

Caesars Windsor has argued that single sports betting would provide it with an attraction not offered by its competitor casinos in Detroit.

The spinoff, said Marchand, would be significant for Windsor-Essex.

"It's a nice hook for people to come stay the weekend," he said of single-sports betting. "You come for the weekend, you have a Super Bowl party or any major sporting event, you come stay the night and enjoy the benefits of Windsor-Essex."

"It would be a nice competitive advantage for Windsor-Essex over our American neighbours and friends because it would be a product we have that they don't have."

Marchand said the "let the provinces decide" argument for passing Bill C-290 is not new but it's being emphasized more in an attempt to "push the bill over the top."

He said supporters have to keep having conversations with senators, to explain to them how important the bill is to

Bertuzzi - Horvat
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- Suter -
Stevens.

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#Spitfires
scratches: John
Bowen #'s,
Cameron
Hughes #'s,
Graeme Brown
upper body,
Adam Bateman
knee, Chris
Marchese
shoulder &
Verbeek back



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#OHL Guelph
#Storm
scratches vs.
Windsor
#Spitfires - Kyle
Locke (healthy),
Adam Craievich
(healthy) and
Justin Auger
(mono).

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Ryan Verbeek
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(back) is taking
the pre-game
skate with the
#OHL Windsor
#Spitfires, but
is a week away
from playing.

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Windsor-Essex and the rest of Canada.

He wouldn't predict when the bill might get passed.

“By and large we're making progress, but there's still more work to be done.”

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