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### KNPR Summary

Today's KNPR news radio broadcasting revolved around the coronavirus and what the state of Nevada is doing about it. The coronavirus has been impacting everyone and everything nationwide. Here in Las Vegas, all of the attractions that attracted thousands of tourists a day have been shut down. This could possibly have a negative impact on Nevada's economy. Radio presenter, Joe Schoenmann, brought in congressman Mark Amodei in which they talked about this issue.

Joe Schoenmann talked about how President Donald Trump is focusing on reopening the economy; he wants to reopen businesses. The governor of Nevada also plans on allowing non essential business to reopen. However, this might not be the greatest idea as cases of coronavirus could very likely increase because of this. Schoenmann went on to ask if there would be any regulations in casinos when reopening. Will there be masks provided? Will there be workers constantly disinfecting surfaces? Congressman Amodei replied that there will be masks provided for the public and employees, but they will not be required. There will also definitely be regulations in casinos if they are to reopen, distancing rules will continue to be followed. Only a limited number of slot machines will be open while the other machines will be marked as "out of service." This will prevent people from sitting close to one another. Night clubs and day clubs in casinos will remain closed. Restaurants will have fewer seats and tables opened. Shoenmann

then also asked if there will be a limited amount of people entering casinos? Will we see long lines outside of casinos, the same way we see at grocery stores? Congressman Amodei answered with a yes. He mentioned that there definitely will be lines forming outside of casinos since there will be a limited number of people allowed to be entering casinos, but that we might not see this occurring until months after casinos reopen. Amodei says that this will be because tourists will still be scared to travel into a city that is full of attractions, gambling and partying. Activities like these that consist of a lot of people will definitely not be the top priority for tourists months after reopening.

Another thing that Schoenmann and Amodei discussed in this radio broadcast was gambling. Schoenmann asked if gambling would still be allowed, if so, how will that take place? Amodei answered that gaming will possibly still be allowed, however, the only difference will be that cash will no longer be accepted. Instead, they plan on using “cashless gaming,” meaning that they will only allow debit and credit cards. This will prevent germs traveling from one person to another, meaning there could be less chances of infections. However, congressman Amodei mentioned that an exact date for reopening non essential business is still not clear. He says that some suggest reopening in June, but he doubts it, as this entire situation seems like it will be a slow recovery process. He does hope that everything will go back to normal a year from now, but there is no guarantee as things seem to be progressing extremely slowly.

Amodei also spoke about what the federal government has been doing to improve this crisis. There has thankfully been an increase in covid-19 testing compared to the amount of testing there was a few weeks ago. Amodei said that this could be a good and a bad thing. He mentioned that this could be a good thing in the sense that we will be able to diagnose and attend

those who do have coronavirus quicker. However, it could also be a bad thing because our coronavirus cases will increase. I found these words to be quite selfish. I basically understood what he was saying as, “if we don’t speak up about it, it never happened.” They also briefly talked about how people in the rural areas of Nevada have been dealing with coronavirus.

Amodei is located in Reno and he states that the small towns near Reno are also obeying social distancing rules. They stand six feet apart, wear masks, and they monitor the amount of people entering buildings. Amodei mentions that the governor did right in shutting down everything down so early in the pandemic, and thanks to that, Nevada has not run out of ventilators. He also said that the 117th congress will revolve around what can be done to recover the economy.

I did not seem to find any opposing opinions because everyone seems to be agreeing with the regulations that the state is mandating to follow. Nevadans have been following these rules pretty well, because we all want things to go back to normal; the sooner the better. Nevada is working unity to help improve this pandemic by continuing to follow social distancing rules even after reopening casinos and other non essential businesses.

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