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[HB 1711](#)

ILLINOIS BANS HORSE SLAUGHTER

THE VIOLATIONS

June 19, 2007 DSD Agenda (see item #7)

FOAMING TANK AT CAVEL



[Cavel fined for violating city wastewater rules](#)

Trial Disposition Report

[2004 Violations](#)

[2005 Violations](#)

[2006 Violations](#)

Humane Slaughter Act Violations at Cavel Plant in Illinois

The End of Cavel

APPEAL DENIED!

- [Supreme Court of the United States Denies Appeal on Illinois Horse Slaughter Ban](#)
- [Supreme Court decision ends US horse slaughter](#)

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[09.21.07 7th Circuit Court of Appeals Ruling](#)

["Brazen Coup" by Horse Slaughter Company](#)

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Gems of Wisdom from Mr. Compassionate [Jim Tucker, former plant manager at Cavel]

"You know, we don't feel we're doing anything bad here," Tucker said. "It's something that's needed for the horse industry in that it takes off the market unusable horses."



"Treating these animals humanely not only happens to be the right thing to do, but it's in our best business interest to see that the horses are treated well during their transportation to our facility," Cavel General Manager Jim Tucker said. "Stressed horses result in an inferior product, and injured horses must be turned away," he said.

On one of the Cavel closings... *The Cavel side: "I think it's a terrible decision," said James Tucker, Cavel's general manager. "I think it's a vast disservice to the horse industry and most horse owners.*

"We're getting a very loud minority who's making a lot of noise about this. We shouldn't be defining for other cultures what they eat. Tucker argued that horsemeat exportation is a multimillion-dollar business and good for Illinois' economy,"

"We believe that the legislation in Illinois is driven by a minority of people."

Cavel representatives say they're not concerned about the bill's prospects. "I don't think it's going to go anywhere," says James Tucker, Cavel's plant manager in DeKalb. "It's the product of a few people speaking very loudly. Some people think it's awful that we look at horses as livestock.

Wrong, Mr. Tucker. It **was** the majority and the good guys won.

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The story of Cavel would not be complete without including Illinois Representative, Jim Sacia. We have coined his annual antics as Ground Hog day in Illinois because year after year, he introduces legislation to repeal the IL law.

*Here are a few of the arguments and untruths Sacia uses to support his legislation. Thanks to **Gail Vacca**, [IL Equine Humane Center](#), for providing much of this documentation.*

- He claimed that 60 horses were abused/neglected in Coles County resulting from the closure of Cavel. Unfortunately for Sacia, the seizure took place in August 2007, while Cavel was still operating. <http://www.pet-abuse.com/cases/12449/IL/US/>
- He has stated that there are no veterinarians that disagree that the captive bolt and horse slaughter are inhumane. Here is the [response](#) from just one organization representing veterinarians proving he flat out lied.
- He stated during debate that the only IL horseman's group opposed to horse slaughter was the IL HBPA. This is also a lie. The overwhelming majority of IL professional horsemen, horsemen's groups, and horse owners oppose horse slaughter and Sacia's legislation. These groups include: The IL Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation, IL Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, IL Harness Horsemen's Association, IL Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association, Arlington Park, Hawthorne Racecourse, Fairmount Park, Maywood Park and Balmoral Park.
- In addition he named an IL rescue group as supporting horse slaughter as an example of welfare groups supporting slaughter. What he failed to mention was they are the only welfare group in IL supporting this position.
- He has stated that it is illegal to bury horses in IL. Here is the statute proving this a lie. <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/008/008000900001100R.html>

As with all slaughter supporters, he **never** mentions food safety issues.

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