Clemency for Rideau rejected by Roemer

Baton Rouge: Louisiana Gov. Buddy Roemer has rejected requests from the Rideau's real estate company, which develops and operates riverboat casinos in Louisiana, to grant clemency to five men sentenced for illegal gambling.

Roemer, who has no legal authority over the U.S. Marshals Service, said he didn't want to intervene because it's up to the federal government to handle such matters.

In a letter to Rideau's, Roemer said he wanted to ensure fairness and would not influence the legal process.

Delegates——

Christmas Fund contributions

The Louisiana Board of Education has agreed to make a contribution to the Christmas Fund.

The Christmas Fund is a charitable organization that helps provide holiday gifts for children in need.

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Judges' group says elections will increase political influence

A group of judges has expressed concern that political influence will increase in the upcoming election season.

They say the increasing political influence could affect the impartiality of judges and the fairness of the judicial system.

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