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## LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING

Legislatively speaking, the Louisiana Architects Association has been very active during the first half of the 1962 General Session.

The Association has successfully steered House Bill 325 through several crucial stages and the Bill is presently on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature.

It all began last January when the Governmental Liaison Committee began working with Legal Counsel Alvin Rubin on strengthening the Architects Registration Law.

#### HAD SEEN DRAFT

By April, most allied groups around the state had seen a preliminary draft of the proposed amendment to the law, and a compromise was worked out with the engineering profession. A few other adjustments were made to soothe other groups.

Seven authors were obtained, and on May 11, the bill was pre-filed with the Legislative Council.

Since then, House Bill 325 has run successfully through most of the complicated course required before becoming law. After introduction in the House, and the first reading, it was referred to Judiciary C Committee of the House. At a hearing, the Committee voted 13 to 1 for a favorable report. After 58 minutes of heated debate on the House floor, the bill received approval by a vote of 57 to 35.

#### FAVORABLE REPORT

In the Senate, the bill was referred to Judiciary A Committee, but Senator Lee Firmin had it recommitted to Judiciary B Committee. The Committee later unanimously gave it a favorable report.

On the Senate floor, the vote was 30-4.

These things did not just happen. Much individual and coordinated effort has been expended to get House Bill 325 to the Governor's office. You can be justly proud of your part in this important effort on behalf of the profession of architecture in Louisiana.

#### OPPOSING LEGISLATION

In addition to the positive efforts afforded in behalf of the architects law, a great deal of legwork has been required in watching and opposing legislation detrimental to the profession. Results of this opposition are not yet known, but it has become apparent that in 1964, a special watchdog committee should be appointed. It should spend as much time speaking against unworthy legislation as the Governmental Liaison group spent in promoting House Bill 325.

## FLOOR ACTION

House Action—(Left to right, beginning at top) Eugene McGehee, one of the authors of HB325, offers a positive point; Wellborn Jack opposes one of the provisions; Richard Bertrand and Jesse McLain exchange verbal jabs; Salvador Anzelmo gains the floor on personal privilege to protest because a solon wouldn't yield the floor; Chief Author Algie Brown is shown confidently steering the bill to passage in the House.



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	BERNARD, E. L.	JACK	THOMAS
	(W. B. R.)	LEAKE	<b>TOTAL</b> 35.

ABSENT: MR. SPEAKER BARRANGER McGITTIGAN MORGAN SMITH, B. (AVOYELLES)

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Senate Sights—(Left to right, beginning at top) LAA President Stoffle presents the bill before Judiciary B Committee of the Senate, with Committee Chairman Sylvan Friedman standing by: Several Judiciary B Committee members; Senator Firmin, who handled the bill in the Senate, is at the rostrum with Friedman; Firman and Friedman again; LAA Board Member F. V. von Osthoff, LAA Legal Counsel Alvin Rubin, Stoffle (looking up to heaven), Baton Rouge Chapter President John Bani, and Tim Favrot (standing behind Bani).

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## SENATE VOTE ON HB 325

PATTON NAYS: JONES

RAYBURN **ABSENT:** 

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To give you an indication of the critical state of affairs in the Senate when HB 325 came up for final passage, a newsstory from the Baton Rouge State-Times of Monday, June 18 is herein reproduced.

#### **Architects' Bill Gets Senate Approval Today**

The Senate voted 30-4 today for a bill to give the State Board of Architectural Examiners more power to revoke, suspend and rescind architects' licenses

The House bill by Rep. A. D. Brown, Caddo Parish, and others would require candidates to have one year experience before being licensed.

It also would add graduates of the University of Southwestern Louisiana School of Architecture to those who may become licensed architects.

The bill would provide that persons having six years practical experience also may take the examination and be licensed if successful.

Sen. Howard Jones, asked if this would prohibit the individual developer from construction without paying a licensed architect.

Sen. Lee C. Firmin, Franklin, who

pushed the bill to final passage, said it would.

Jones offered amendments to exempt such developers.

"I call this tribute money," Jones said. He objected to having to pay an architect for services he said he didn't need. He was planning a half-milliondollar development of a motel in his area, he said, and had drawn up the plans himself.

Sen. B. H. Rogers, Grand Cane, asked the Senate vote down Sen. Jones' amendments, which he said would destroy progress architects have made through the years.

He said "a lot of bootleg engineers" had come into Louisiana because they couldn't qualify in other states.

Sen. Guy Sockrider, Lake Charles, said he agreed with Rogers that the amendments would cause damage to architectural practice.

He said if Sen. Jones was going to build a half-million-dollar building he should want an architect or an engineer to see that it was structurally sound.

Jones said he had no objection to an architect or engineer but he didn't want any group of people telling Howard Jones or any other citizen what they should do with their money.

"Howard Jones doesn't build these fire traps that fall down," he said. "I am going to build a structure the fire marshal will accept."

The Senate rejected Jones' amendments 10-25.

Sen. Sylvan Friedman, Natchez, offered amendments to keep the hiring and firing provisions under the division of occupational standard un-changed. The Senate approved them unanimously.

## LAA to Stock And Sell AIA Forms

At the request of some firms and at the suggestion of others, the Louisiana Architects Association will soon have a complete stock of AIA forms for sale to the membership.

It seems that in several chapter areas, the existing outlets have not been completely satisfactory. Some members have complained that the stock is not complete.

On the other hand, some architects report that the retail outlets admit that they offer the forms to architectural firms simply as a courtesy. In view of the above, the LAA has contacted national headquarters and has arranged to stock a complete set of forms. A catalog will be mailed to you as soon as mechanical arrangements can be made to handle orders immediately upon arrival.

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#### MAY DEVELOP FORMS

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## NEWS, NOTES, QUOTES . . .

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