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SB 1007 - Politics at its Worst Part II?

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Re: Senate Bill 1007 (= H979)

Will we permit the Realtors and Home Builders to remove the qualifier, '*Adversely affects the habitability of the dwelling*' from the North Carolina Home Inspector Standards of Practice?

The North Carolina Senate Standing Committee Judiciary II to address the opposition raised by opponents of SB1007 will appoint a sub-committee to review the bill and report back to the committee this Thursday. Less than seventy-two hours to clarify and move forward this important legislation – have we another crooked back street done deal by the corporate special interests? Do we need another federal investigation of corruption in North Carolina?

Please know that this does not bring into question the integrity or indict Senator Fletcher L. Hartsell, Jr. (Rep). Obviously his power as chairman of the committee is limited and I am sure he did the best he could under the circumstances.

I raise these hard hitting questions because we are supposed to have transparency and some semblance of ethics and morality in government. With the hope that they may cause positive change in society the following is from one of the books from my library I shall pass on to my grandchildren.

***What are the forces making for corruption in politics?***

*(2) But the power of unscrupulous politicians is made far greater by the support of those whose personal interests they make a business of furthering. Whole sections of the people are pleased and placated and bribed by special legislation in their favor... ”*

***What are the evil results of political corruption?***

*(3) To these grave evils we must add the moral harm of selfish and corrupt politics. Standards of honor are blurred; the spirit of public service is almost lost sight of, and the cheap materialism to which our prosperous age is too easily prone flourishes apace.*

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Excerpted from:

***Problems of Conduct***

*AN INTORDUCTORY SURVEY OF EHTICS*

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Readers please note the date of this book 1914; it seems the human socio-economic aspect of politics has not matured much in almost one hundred years. I did a Google search and amazingly this book is available free online. Many years ago I paid a few dollars for an original print edition – oh well... it was well worth it!

<http://www.questiaschool.com/read/5667700>

The point of this refresher is that in SB 1007 the Realtors and Home Builders seek to remove the qualifier, ‘*Adversely affects the habitability of the dwelling*’ from the North Carolina Home Inspector Standards of Practice and they seek to do this not by the normal process, through the Board, but with and end run introducing a change not to the rules of the Board – they were unsuccessful with this attempt, but with a change to the General Statute.

Why? To further their agenda of controlling the home inspection process, facilitate sales by not fully informing the home buyer of items that in fact *adversely affect the habitability of the dwelling* and of course continue to line their own greedy pockets.

As an elected politician or constituent which side of this matter will you favor? How will history judge you? Will you be the next politician under federal investigation? Keeping in mind the power of the Internet - will you get reelected?

*“Your influence counts – use it well and for the betterment of mankind”*