

Lundine Refutes Statements By Maguire On Voting Record

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Rep. Stanley Lundine, D-Jamestown, is disturbed by some "inaccurate statements" he says were made by the Rev. Crispin Maguire, R-Olean, during the final weeks of their campaign for the 39th Congressional District seat.

The basis for Lundine's complaint is Maguire's reporting of the incumbent's voting record. During a debate in Corning Sunday, Lundine charged Maguire with a "careless misuse of information for political purposes."

"Father Maguire says that I voted against a 1 percent cut in federal expenditures," Lundine said. He then pointed out that he voted in favor of a 1 percent cut in the preliminary budget resolution and a similar cut in the final budget resolution.

When asked about this charge, Maguire's campaign headquarters said that the information had been included in a brochure through an error by the designer of the brochure.

"He says I voted for foreign aid to North Vietnam and Cambodia; there never was such a vote and I would oppose it if there were," Lundine said during the debate.

Maguire's press secretary, Larry Moriarty, listed five amendments Lundine voted against which would have prohibited lending institutions such as the World Bank from using U.S. contributions as aid

to countries such as Uganda, Cambodia, Laos, Cuba and Vietnam.

Lundine's people said the incumbent voted against those amendments because if the U.S. singled out countries to be ineligible for World Bank loans, similar politically motivated prohibitions would be enacted by other countries.

They also said that current law restricts direct aid to Cambodia and Vietnam and that at no time was there a vote to channel direct aid to either of those countries.

"He told the American Legion that I voted against veterans' preference. I actually voted for it twice," Lundine said at the debate.

President Carter wanted to eliminate veterans preference in civil service hiring as part of his civil service reform package. An amendment to that package was offered to restore some veterans' preference and Lundine voted in favor of that amendment. Then another amendment was offered and passed which fully restored veterans' preference in hiring. Lundine also voted for that one.

Lundine received letters from the American Legion and other veterans organizations thanking him for his votes.

When asked to explain how Lundine's votes could be interpreted to be anti-veterans' preference, Moriarty went into some detail explaining the first amend-

ment sponsored by Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., which failed in a full House vote.

Moriarty said the Bonior amendment would have given one-time preference to veterans of the Vietnam theater only until 1986, and that 22 million other veterans would lose their preference.

Shortly after explaining the Bonior amendment, Moriarty, called The Post-Journal and asked that the explanation not be mentioned in the newspaper.

The fourth item which Lundine contests is a statistic Maguire is fond of citing as an illustration of waste in government bureaucracy.

Maguire has charged that 70 percent of the Housing and Urban Development budget in Buffalo is spent on administration only. Lundine says the actual figure is 2.4 percent.

When asked if he could supply a source for the 70 percent figure, Moriarty said only that it came from a wire service story.

Lundine, who is running on his record and has defended his votes throughout the campaign, said, "We have real problems with government waste. We need to do a better job of controlling government spending. But this kind of careless misuse of information for political purposes actually makes the job more difficult."