

# Lundine Votes JUN 13 1978 Against New Gun Regulations

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Stanley N. Lundine of Jamestown (D-39th) has voted to stop controversial new gun control regulations from being implemented by the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

He said the regulations would require a unique serial number to be printed on each firearm manufactured or brought into the U.S., direct reports of firearms thefts to the agency and reports to it regarding all sales and dispositions of firearms.

Lundine commented, "During my entire service in Congress, I have opposed any legislation calling for tighter gun controls than those already in force in New York state...After meeting with gun owners and considering the opinions of law enforcement officers in our Southern Tier, I have concluded that the proposal requiring quarterly reports of firearms dispositions is not in our best interest."

The legislator said he does not believe the federal agency has authority to implement registration requirements without specific legislative approval by Congress. He observed, "Past Congresses have consistently voted against legislation that would accomplish this kind of regulation of firearms. Clearly, the sense of Congress is not embodied in the regulations and they should not be allowed to take effect."