# Lameduck Shapp signs eight bills as last hurrah

HARRISBURG (AP) — In what may have been his last hurrah, Gov. Milton Shapp signed eight bills yesterday giving the state long-awaited laws controlling flood plains, organized crime, campaign financing and codes of

Hundreds of sponsors and supporters crowded into the stately reception room of the little-used governor's mansion to watch Shapp sign the measures.

The ceremony, the largest of its kind during Shapp's eight years in office, lasted several hours as group after group bunched in around Shapp to have their pictures taken and to get souvenir pens and certificates.

Shapp took particular delight that. even though a lameduck, he was able to sign many of the measures he had called for in his state of the state address to the General Assembly last February.

"As a lameduck governor, I'm here to sign more significant legislation than either of my two predecessors," Shapp

The reform package was delivered to Shapp by lawmakers anxious to polish their records before the elections.

The flood plain bill is designed to hold

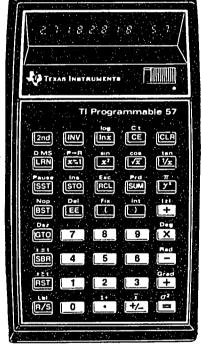
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down property damage in future floods. All communities must join the flood insurance program and enact flood plain

zoning. New construction and renovations would be restricted in areas adjacent to rivers and prone to flooding. Renovations could not exceed 50 percent

of a building's market value. The ethics code will force all employees in supervisory positions, to disclose their business and financial interests in 1980. Candidates will have to file those statements in 1979.

Under the first election reform in 41 years, candidates will have to make preelection disclosures of all contributions. Candidates who fail to file reports or give false information face penalties of

legislators, state officials, and public up to \$5,000 in fines and two years in prison.

The package of anti-crime bills will end the 21-year ban on wiretaps, give investigators access to previously confidential state files, and allow prosecutors to provide key witnesses with better immunity against prosecution. However, the state Senate sidetracked another bill that would have

created investigative grand juries.

Shapp described the ethics code as "an important starting point on which succeeding sessions of the General Assembly can build."

He was much more enthusiastic about the election reform, calling it "one of the landmark events of the past eight years.

"It ... should go a long way toward on our state," he said.

ending some of the worst abuses in our electoral system," Shapp said. Shapp, who earlier in his ad-

ministration opposed wiretapping, said he had reservations about re-enacting electronic surveillance. "But I do believe we have to move forward in this. direction so that the base elements of racketeering don't gain a stranglehold



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