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REP. JAMES A. REDDEN (D-JACKSON COUNTY)
HOUSE MINORITY LEADER

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Rep. James Redden, D-Jackson, said today that he is preparing amendments to the controversial beach bill which will answer many of the questions raised without compromising principles,

Redden said that the "present HB 1601 has some basic problems which the House Speaker's amendments do not answer."

The Democratic Minority Leader said "the benefits of HB 1601 should be retained. The concept of the public's right should be set forth in any legislation that passes. With very minor amendments, this can be done."

The Medford lawyer also supported the concept of zoning which he said was "consistent with the public's right and the rights of private owners as well. Ugly construction on the beaches offends private owners as well as the general public.

"Supporters and detractors of the original and engrossed HB 1601 leave valid arguments which must be answered in a single bill. We must not endanger the public 's rights in our attempt to protect them.

Redden said that "There are certain matters that under our constitution must be decided by the courts and not be the legislature."

"Misunderstanding has contributed to the controversy," Redden claimed. "But with sound logic instead of emotional reaction, we can devise a bill that will accomplish the desirable result without compromising a single principle."