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A former professor of law at the U of A will become the dean of the Faculty of Law effective July 1, 1976.

Frank D. Jones, professor of law from 1969 to 1974 and currently a senior tax partner with the Toronto firm of Blaney, Pasternak, Smela, Eagleson &

Watson, recently received the five-year appointment from the Board of Governors.

Jones, a native of Edmonton, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the U of A, a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie Law School, a Master of Laws degree from the University of Toronto and is a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the London School of Economics.

Jones is a specialist in tax and estate planning law. In 1968, working under a grant by the Alberta Institute of Law Research and Reform, he conducted a Canada-wide survey on the tax appeal system.

Two years later he was appointed advisor to the House of Commons' Finance Com-

mittee which was charged with the responsibility of studying the white paper on tax reform

Mr. Jones has done consulting work on taxation matters for the federal government department of justice and the Alberta government.

A member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Edmonton Bar Association and the Canadian Tax Foundation, he has lectured on taxation matters in Canada, the United States and England.

He succeeds Professor Frederick Laux, acting deanfor the 1975-76 academic term. Professor Laux plans to spenda one year's sabbatical leave at Cambridge University in England and then return to teaching in the Faculty of Law.

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the increase in population has by far outstripped it.

"If we consider the increased population and housing needs of Albertans, these figures must be viewed with alarm," the report warns

Short term solutions to the

1% vacancy rate in metropolitan Alberta would be rent controls and the speculation tax.

The controls should be coupled with the rent control board as proposed in their suggested new draft of the Landlord and Tenant Act, with

the power to both control and roll back rents and to hear representations from landlords and tenants. The tax monies on speculation should be channelled into public housing

Long term solutions, says the committee would be massive public investment in new housing. As many as 20,000 units annually for the next five years in all types of dwelling are needed.

A public land bank should be established which would consider more systematically the development of property giving thought to community development, parks, and recreation areas.

"We propose that mortgage rates, through consultation with the federal government be reduced to 6% for all home purchases. Low mortgage rates would make home ownerships reality for many thousands of Albertans who are now forced to rent," says the report.

As well, the provincia government should make it easier for co-operative housing to develop, giving legal and technical assistance to grow wishing co-operative housing.

When asked if he felt real controls might result in potential withdrawals of investors from the housing market, one member replied:

"We're looking at a 19 vacancy rate anyway. If in vestors withdrew, could it go any worse? Considering thing like that when new housing already almost at a standstill meaningless."

The Calgary Committee and the local "Enough is Enough campaign met Friday, and have agreed to mutually support one another.

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