

# The Taking House

By Richard Tornello

The light-fingered gentry  
In our house so elegantly  
the finger-smiths of our legal system,  
purloiners of the treasury,  
the legal poachers.

Larcenous house breaking  
leadership  
with fingers in the public till;  
pointing those very fingers  
To all but ill.

With due hope  
Their actions viewed as  
Christian rights  
Sanctimoniously pursued fabrications  
A perverse congress of the truth.