

# Begich Backs Rural Job Development

Congressman Nick Begich of Alaska is taking a strong position in favor of the Rural Job Development Act of 1971 which would permit tax incentives to encourage employment providing new enterprises to locate in rural areas.

This no cost solution to the crowding of the big cities, the decline of rural and small town economy, also would aid, it is claimed, the collateral problems of pollution, crime, welfare and other ills besetting the nation.

Although Federal Bureaucracy has opposed tax incentives,

preferring instead to spend tax money, the recent change of the Administration from opposition to tax incentives to supporting them, is considered to have removed the last barrier toward a program to better balance the economy without spending any expenditure of taxes.

Congressman Begich informs the National Federation of Independent Business of his viewpoint on this legislation as follows:

"I understand fully your views and the importance of such legislation for the rural areas of our country. The State of Alaska, which I represent, is experiencing rapid population growth and shifts from rural to urban areas.

"I sincerely share your views and concerns about our rural problems, and the importance of

legislation such as H.R. 3511. Let me assure you after perusing the bill in its entirety I will give it my serious consideration. I am interested to see how such legislation will affect Alaska and other rural areas."