

Guess Announces

Speaker Gene Guess, Alaska House of Representatives, has announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat, now held by Senator Ted Stevens.

In his announcement, Guess expressed concern over the state of the American economy.

"We still live," he said, "with the residue of a war on poverty either never fought, or waged but lost."

Guess points to the disparity between the plight of the average family man and the big corporations.

"That family man pays the bulk of taxes in this country and he knows it and it's about time someone reformed the government so it works for him."

He spoke about the critical problem of employment in Alaska and the resulting welfare sit-



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uation. "The truth of the matter," he said, "is that people in that situation (unemployment) don't want the welfare payment, they really want work."

Gene Guess has served eight years in the state House of Representatives. In 1970, he was unanimously elected Speaker of the House.

He has helped to guide the passage of major oil legislation which gives Alaskans their share of the North Slope benefits, and has also helped to implement the Native Land Claims Act.