

# House approves Indian Health Care Improvement Act

Washington, D.C.—By a vote of 310 to 9, the U.S. House of Representatives July 30, approved H.R. 2525, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976, according to Alaska Rep. Don Young, who co-sponsored the legislation.

H.R. 2525 is designed to improve health care for Indians

and Alaskan natives by providing for: an Indian-oriented health manpower program; additional health care facilities and services; safe water supply and waste disposal facilities; and assured access of both reservation and urban Indians to community health resources.

## 1976 election pamphlet

"In this important election year," said Lt. Gov. Lowell Thomas, "my office is in the process of preparing the 1976 Election Pamphlet for distribution to each registered voter in Alaska prior to the November election." Thomas indicated that six ballot propositions will appear on the November ballot. The propositions are two initiatives and four constitutional amendments.

"For each of the propositions," Thomas said, "I am required by law to print a statement in the Election Pamphlet by persons or organizations supporting the proposition and a statement by persons or organizations opposing the proposition."

Thomas indicated that he had contacted legislative proponents and opponents of these measures in the past legislature. "I would also like to extend an invitation to other individuals and groups in Alaska to submit a type-written statement not to exceed 500 words either in support of or in opposition to one of these propositions," said Thomas.

He indicated that the author's name and organization affiliation would be included in the pamphlet. A selection process will be used to select one supporting and one opposing statement if multiple statements are received. "In order to prepare all of the pamphlet material for publication," Thomas said, "I must request a postmark deadline on these statements of August 13." Thomas expressed the hope that a number of

Alaskan individuals or groups would respond to his invitation. All inquiries and materials should be directed to the Lieutenant Governor's Office, Pouch AA, Juneau, 99811, or call 465-3520.

### Constitutional Amendments

1. SCS CSHJR 11—Amending the Constitution of the State of Alaska to provide for consideration of vetoed bills. (1975)

2. SCS CSSS HJR 39—(Resources) am S. Proposing an amendment to the Alaska Constitution, establishing an Alaska Permanent Fund for certain proceeds derived from non-renewable resources. (1976)

3. SJR 45 am H—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the disposal or lease of state land or interest therein. (1976)

4. HRJ 73 am S—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to state aid to private educational institutions. (1976)

**Initiatives**  
Proposition No. 2—"An Act repealing the limited entry program for commercial fisheries."

Proposition No. 4—"An Act authorizing an advisory vote by the qualified voters of the State on the creation of a unicameral legislature by the State, and providing for an effective date."

### POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**TITLE:** Community Injury Control Workers.

**WHERE:** Galena and Tok, FOR: Tanana Chiefs Authority, Accident and Injury Control Program, 1st and Hall, Fairbanks, AK.

**AVAILABLE:** September 1, 1976. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Preference given to village-based persons. Must be high school graduate or GED.

**SALARY:** DOE.

**DUTIES:** Service 6 villages each

1. identify major accident and injury hazards in village

2. conduct evaluations of accident hazards in the home.

3. provide assistance to homeowners in correcting dangerous conditions

4. Distribute educational materials relating to accident prevention.

5. maintain surveillance on the incidence of accidents

6. provide routine statistical and narrative progress reports.

**CONTACT:** Helen Lee, 1st and Hall St., Fairbanks, AK, 452-8251, ext. 37.

### HELP WANTED

Two positions available at Tanana Chiefs Conference. **GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTANT** with excellent accounting skills required. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK** with basic bookkeeping and accounting required. Contact: Mrs. Jaye Coleman at 452-8251.

### HELP WANTED

Manager for community owned FM public radio station. Small but growing volunteer oriented operation. Applicant must possess demonstrated broadcast managerial skills and be interested in actively promoting community involvement. FCC 3rd with broadcast endorsement required. Salary \$18,000 plus benefits. Send resume' to: CCBI, P.O. Box 1487, Juneau, Alaska 99802.

### POSITION AVAILABLE

Full-time, lower division instructor in fish culture for salmon hatchery Technician Training Program. September 1, 1976 through May 30, 1977. Direct inquiries and vita to: Charles C. Bovee, Academic Vice President, Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska 99835. Sheldon Jackson is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Representative Young was the minority floor manager for the bill during the House action. In a statement made on the floor in favor of the bill, Young told his colleagues that "the purpose of the bill is to provide the direction and resources necessary to overcome the appalling deficiencies in the federal Indian health care program."

"It is designed to provide a comprehensive effort to raise the health care status of Indians and Alaskan natives to a level at least comparable to that of the general population."

During floor debate, Young attacked the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare's opposition to the bill and faulted HEW for its past handling of Indian health care programs.

Young said the Indian Health Service (which took over health care programs from the BIA in 1954) had done a commendable job over the past 20 years but added that the IHS's efforts "have been hamstrung by manpower shortages, insufficient resources and support services and sub-standard facilities."

In a statement critical of HEW's handling of Indian health care programs, Young said:

"Not once since this legis-

lation has been under consideration has anyone in HEW's secretary's office been candid enough to admit that there are critical problems facing the Indian Health Service. This is not only regrettable, it is ridiculous in view of the fact that most of the documentation of the unmet needs and inadequacies in manpower, services and facilities has come from the department's own sources."

"With its head in the sand, HEW has had to misrepresent history and facts in order to make its case against this legislation," charged Young.

Young said that for the last 10 years HEW has requested funds for the construction of three new hospitals while ignoring its own studies "which show that the IHS hospital is deteriorating steadily, that 21 of the 51 IHS hospitals need replacement and another 14 need major renovation. At HEW's pace it would take 150 years to meet the current needs," stated Young.

The bill authorizes \$29.2

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** (note: most qualifications are desirable rather than required). 1.) Graduate degree or post graduate work. 2.) Experience in administration of federal programs. 3.) Be self motivating and able to work without supervision. **DUTIES:** 1.) Plan, co-ordinate and implement a consolidated, state-wide Tiro Program, compatible with OHEW/OE/OJA program. 2.) Manual, OE directives and recommendations and ASHES Board policies, to achieve the stated goals of the ashes Tiro Program. 2.) Evaluate all components of the program and recommend changes that appear advisable. 3.) Develop, write, negotiate and monitor all contracts with sub-contracting institutions, agencies and organizations. 4.) Compile and prepare, formal or informal, OE reports. 5.) Must be committed to working with low-income Alaskans, high school and university personnel.

Report to ASHES Board, USOE Region 10, AFN Inc., EVP

**DUTY STATION:** Anchorage, Alaska, hired by ASHES Board

**SALARY RANGE:** DOE

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million over three years for a health manpower "package" consisting of five coordinated programs to train professionals to serve Indian health needs.

A total of \$70.07 million over three years is authorized for general health services.

\$337.1 million is authorized over three years to construct and modernize health facilities (including hospitals).

Young said that Alaska natives, by virtue of the fact that they make up some 20 per cent of the population served by the Indian Health Service, stand to benefit greatly from the passage of this bill.

### RECRUITING

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Position located in the Bethel Regional Dormitory, Bethel, Alaska, for the 1976-77 school year. Starting salary is \$1,386.00 per month plus room and board. Starting date of employment is August 8, 1976.

Applicants should have a college degree, with experience and education in counselling adolescents. They must be mature adults with superior abilities who can function in the job with a minimum of supervision.

The position involves counselling Native teenagers living in the Dormitory while attending the Bethel Regional High School, and the person filling the position is expected to live in the Dormitory and set an appropriate example to the teenagers living there. With all other qualifications equal, bilingual applicants will be given preference.

Interested applicants should contact the following as soon as possible:

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Lower Kuskokwim REAA  
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Bethel, Alaska 99559  
543-2677

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The applicant will have training and experience in fund accounting for government or non-profit corporations, a working knowledge of computerized financial management systems and reporting mechanisms, substantial training in contract administration, proven ability to develop and train an accounting/administrative staff and the capability to effectively communicate financial/administrative information to program personnel.

Minimum educational/experience qualifications desired are a bachelor's degree in accounting or related field with five years experience or a C.P.A. certificate with three years experience in the field listed above.

Salary: \$25,000-\$30,000 plus longevity bonus

For further details, contact James R. Leonard, Executive Vice-President at (907) 443-5231. Detailed resumes should be sent to P.O. Box 505, Nome, Alaska 99762. Closing date to August 20, 1976.

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Juneau, Alaska 99811

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