

Harrison Loesch to Meet with Native Heads

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Nick Begich announced today that Harrison Loesch, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior will meet with state and native officials in Alaska on Feb. 7-9 to discuss the transfer of public lands under the Alaska Native Claims Act.

Loesch plans to meet in Juneau with Governor William A. Egan, Attorney General John Havelock and members of the Alaska Legislative Delegation on

Monday, Feb. 7. On the following day he will meet with Interior officials and representatives of the Alaska native associations in Anchorage.

If sufficient public interest develops Loesch will explain the Department of Interior's plans for implementing provisions of the Native Claims Act at a public meeting in Sidney Laurence Auditorium on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, he will meet with various interest groups in individual meetings.

Said Begich: "I am very pleased to learn of Secretary Loesch's forthcoming trip to Alaska to discuss these important areas of concern. Without question, the key to the successful implementation of this Act is the proper administration to the State of Alaska and its needs."