

Non-Residents Get Jobs—

Two-thirds Eligibles from South 48

Senator Ted Stevens, (R - Alaska), said today he is watching carefully to insure that Alaskans are given priority in federal seasonal jobs throughout the state.

Stevens had been told that Civil Service procedures have been amended to allow first consideration of residents for summer jobs in Alaska by Robert Hampton, Chairman of the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

At Stevens request, the Commission had looked into the situation and found an extreme-

ly high declination rate of non-residents.

Two-thirds of those eligibles who indicate a desire for summer federal employment in Alaska are residents of the South 48, many of the non-Alaskans eventually decline the actual job offer.

"Alaska has one of the highest rates of unemployment in the United States," Stevens said. "It does not seem equitable to hire non-residents to fill vacancies in Alaska when there are qualified residents available for these positions.