Inupiats stand now

To All the Inupiats in Alaska, My name is Harry T. Ipalook and I was born at Barrow, Alaska.

I am a hunter and will be a hunter all my life. I would like to thanks all the Inupiats who are helping us and trying to save our land, our life style, and our marine mammals, and the animals in our land.

We Inupiats must keep on living on our land and listen to the Elders now. And teach the younger people of how the Inupiats use to live.

We Inupiats must never give away and we Inupiats must stand up and do some thing before we Inupiats in Alaska have nothing left.

We are getting close and if we all don't do some thing to save every thing we Inupiats have, soon the Inupiats will slowly die and since we are this far, we all must get together in each village to save every thing we have left now in our land.

I am saying this because I care and want to live like Inupiat for a long time. And pass it on to the younger Inupiats for them to live like Inupiats.

As our ancestors been doing for years and thousand of years. Right now the white people are coming in and living in our land and changing the way Inupiats use to live.

Because they don't live like us. They want to change it and make it better for us to live.

And now they are controlling every thing in our land and soon we Inupiats will have nothing left on our land. And our food will be gone, because of the oil and the money and hunting game for trophies.

So listen and let's all get this thing straight out for our own good and for our inupiat people to live for ever and ever. As our ancestors been doing for years and ten of thousand of years. And again, I would like to thanks all the tribal people all over Alaska and keep up the good work for us inupiats.

And for those who cared and been trying to let some of the Inupiat people understand, I would like to thanks you all very much.

Let's fight and win every thing back to us Inupiats.

It's for our own good now, before it too late for us all.

Harry T. Ipalook

Senate wife writes home

August 18, 1982

Dear Friends:

Letters from Alaskans and requests to the office have prompted me to write home to give you some idea of what our life in Washington, D.C., is like away from under the Capitol dome.

Although my first job in Anchorage High School days (when there was only one high school in Anchorage), was working for a newspaper, it's been more than 20 years since I took a shot at writing a column.

All of the stories about the pace on Capitol Hill, and my own active practice of law, still didn't prepare me for the incredible amount of activity I found as a new Senate wife.

Within 24 hours after arriving in Washington in January of 1981, we moved into an 1896 Victorian townhouse, and two days later were entertaining more than 80 friends. Many of them were visiting Alaskans here for the inaugural activities.

Fortunately, Beth Stevens came in a few days before we arrived and had the move well under control. (Beth, by the way, is back in Anchorage now working with "Events, Inc.," - organizing our move alone should qualify her.)

One of the first rites of initiation for a new Senate wife is the introduction to the ladies of the Senate Red Cross group. Every Tuesday morning, now often with daughter Lily in tow, I join the wives in sewing puppets for the Children's Hospital.

More than 30,000 "Clipper the Clown" puppets are used annually there as an integral part of hospitalization therapy for the youngsters.

Since Vice President George Bush is also the president of the Senate, his wife serves as our president. Barbara Bush faithfully attends our meetings and she is always an intellectually stimulating, warm and personable woman.

The best part of our Tuesday mornings is the deep personal friendship and support the wives gain from one another. Our discussions are basically non-political, but there is a great deal of sharing the burdens of child-rearing, travel and home life in Washington. I am personally indebted to Marcella Leahy of Vermont, who prepared me for nursing Lily.

Senate wives are also given the benefit of occasional briefings and orientations by the State Department, Smithsonian, Library of Congress and the White House. We also have our own brainstorming sessions, such as one hosted

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Stevens' letter

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Most of us are far from home, and all of the wives and children are often without a husband whenever the Senate stays in session late — meaning midnight and beyond.

Often I will take Lily down to the Senate for the dinner recess and watch the session until we fade. Visiting Alaskans with strong constitutions will sometimes join us.

In late May we had a family reunion at Walter Stevens' wedding to Debbie Martinez in Las Cruces, N.M.

Walter had just graduated from New Mexico State in television journalism.

David and Susan Covich (without babies Sara Ann and John Peter), flew to Las Cruces from Kenai, and were joined by Beth.

Teddy came by after graduating in geology from San Diego State, and is now on a crew in the Alaska Bush.

Ben arrived from Bellingham, Wash., where he is attending college, and went on to fish in Bristol Bay with John and David Iani for the summer.

Catherine Stevens