



The Primary Election results

We'd like to congratulate the winners in the Primary Election throughout Alaska, with special emphasis on the candidates in the races for governor and lieutenant governor.

After a vigorous and at times somewhat contentious primary, the top vote getters were Democrats Tony Knowles and Willie Hensley and Republicans Arliss Sturgulewski and Jack Coghill.

At press time, Hensley was the second highest vote getter in the lieutenant governor's race. This is an impressive showing, particularly given the fact that the heat in that campaign was on the Republican side, as Coghill won over Tim Kelly.

We believe Hensley will have a lot of support throughout Alaska. Other newspapers already have discussed the value Hensley brings to the Democratic side of the ticket, particularly in support from rural areas. He has a presence far beyond rural Alaska, however, with direct ties to the business community.

In addition to gathering support among Democrats, Hensley was endorsed by the *Anchorage Times*, one of the state's more conservative newspapers.

We'll be looking forward to another vigorous campaign for the General Election Nov. 6. We expect candidates to address issues that are of particular importance to Native community, with special emphasis on subsistence and the rights and responsibilities of tribal governments.

Both initiatives fail

We're pleased to report Alaska's voters soundly defeated the initiatives on the ballot. The *Tundra Times* was strongly opposed to both.

Voters turned down the Alaska Railroad initiative, which would have placed new restrictions on the railroad, by a vote of 77.5 percent against it and 22.4 percent in favor — 97,638 votes to 28,284 votes.

The initiative which called for authorizing legalized gambling in Alaska failed by a margin of 64.6 percent to 35.3 percent — 82,545 votes to 45,219 votes. Gambling in the state would have caused untold misery to many families.

We applaud voters who rejected these initiatives.