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With Hickel's entry into the campaign, it's become increasingly difficult to predict the outcome. . .

According to Teeny Metcalfe, Southeast coordinator for the Knowles campaign, polls indicate Young is close on Taylor's heels.

"I think he (Taylor) has a prayer. This race is not a walk for Robin Taylor. The indication I'm getting is that he has a race on his hands," Metcalfe said.

Looking at the governor's race. Metcalfe says Southeast voters have similar priorities to their counterparts elsewhere in the state: budgetary responsibility and the environment.

"We share all the same problems," said Metcalfe. "Everybody laughed and in the rest I don't think it will make any difference," said Metcalfe.

Metcalfe predicts that Hickel will cancel any benefit Campbell might bring to the Republican ticket. As for Hickel's Alaska Independence Party bid, she says, "Wally's got what he's got, and he isn't going to get anymore."

Around the corner at Sturgulewski's Juneau headquarters, volunteers Elizabeth Miller and Chip Wagoner are thrilled about Campbell's addition to the ticket and their new poll, which shows Sturgulewski far ahead of Knowles, 39.1 percent to 28.6 percent. The same polls gives Hickel 21.8 percent, with 2.1 percent going to Green Party candidate Jim Sykes and 8.4 percent undecided.

According to Miller, Campbell is "almost a bonanza to us."

She said with Jack Coghill's abrupt departure from the Republican ticket to run with Hickel, Juneau Democrats have been turning out in large numbers