



Gov. Miller Expresses Pleasure On Scheduled Land Hearings

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller expressed pleasure that U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson had scheduled hearings on the native land claims issue for April 29 and 30, saying "It is extremely gratifying to hear this evidence that Senator Jackson considers the matter highly important. The scheduling of two days of hearings on his land claims settlement bill indicates the degree of concern given the matter."

"Our own Native Land Claims Task Force, whose executive committee is to meet in Fairbanks this weekend, will have completed its work by that time, and will have recommendations to make at the hearings. The full Task Force will meet some time before the April hearings to complete its work and formulate its recommendations," the Governor said.

During the past several months of working with the land claims issue, the Governor has repeatedly stressed the importance of all interests in the State forming a

united front on the matter, and reaching a settlement acceptable to all parties before legislation goes to the Congress.

In lengthy work sessions, the Governor's Task Force representing all areas and interests in the State has researched all facets of the issue.

This Task Force will be funded by the Governor's Rural Affairs Commission to travel to Washington to testify.

At its April meeting, the Task Force will finalize its position in the "untied front" which the Governor has called for.

MILLER SAMPLES NATIVE FOODS—Governor Keith H. Miller, honored guest at the FNA Potlatch, samples portions of caribou, moose, sheep, and salmon. Miller appeared to be greatly enjoying the evening, and was invited to join the Barrow Eskimos in dance. He became a willing participant, following instructions given by Tom Brower on the Eskimo dance. The enthused Alaska Governor indicated that he would return next year.

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