

# Rep. Rivers Announces for Re-election

U.S. Rep. Ralph J. Rivers (D-Alaska) has filed for re-election as Alaska's sole member of the House of Representatives of the U.S. House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress. In filing for his fifth term, the Congressman released the following statement:

"In filing to serve Alaska in the Congress for another two-year term, I feel that I am following the logic of events, as well as seeking to prolong the honor which the people of Alaska have heretofore conferred upon me.

"With eight continuous years in Congress, constituting meaningful seniority, and with the chairmanship of the House Subcommittee on National Parks and Recrea-

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tion, which spells strength in dealing both with my colleagues in the House and with the Administration, I think I owe it to my fellow Alaskans to go on and to use these assets for the benefit and enhancement of our beloved 49th State.

"Of course, it remains for the people of Alaska to decide whether to take advantage of my Congressional experience and seniority by returning me to Congress to continue working for mea-

sures to spur Alaska's development.

"In seeking a fifth term, I shall in large measure be running on my record of legislative accomplishment, which I am proud to say, is a good record involving passage of an exceptionally large number of bills of specific importance to Alaska. Notwithstanding successful steps already taken, much remains to be done.

"I speak of the need for action on the Rampart Canyon hydro-electric project, which will be eligible next year for inclusion in an omnibus bill to be considered by the House Public Works Committee, of which I am a member.

"We must also move for action to meet basic social needs such as a strong federal program in helping the State to further the education of youths from our outlying villages, steps toward better housing in our rural areas, and a statewide determination of Native tribal and historical land claims on a just basis beneficial to our Native people.

"On this I visualize the allocation of a generous amount of public land for the use of each village to meet community needs and effectuate area economic development, beyond which claims should be paid for by the federal government in cash to the Native people.

"This would pave the way for the State to get its land selection program reinvigorated and carried forward as a foundation for Alaska's future growth. As the campaign moves on, I will specify other aspects of my platform for action in the next Congress."