

**Writes 10,000 letters**

# **Bush pilot and guide endorses Hickel**

Alaska pioneer and veteran bush pilot Ward Gay, of Anchorage, has written 10,000 letters — one to every pilot and guide in the state of Alaska — urging them to vote for Wally Hickel for Governor.

Gay has said that the election of Hickel is crucial because Alaska needs a governor who will stand up for Alaska in the battle over the state's lands. He said

that Jay Hammond has lacked that leadership.

In his letters supporting Hickel, Gay said that in the D-2 legislation which passed Congress, "We would not be able to enjoy hunting as we know it in those areas. How far can a man pack one thousand pounds of moose meat before it spoils?"

"D-2 legislation would place nearly a third of

Alaska in federal wilderness, a classification that does not permit motorized vehicles of any kind," Gay explained.

Gay said that Hickel "is the best qualified person we have to make Washington, D.C. understand the realities of our state and combat the emotionalism that is motivating federal policy."