



**QIVIUT KNITTER**—Emily Baker of Mekoryuk, Alaska, strokes the shaggy hair of a musk ox on the experimental farm operated by Kellogg Foundation near the University of Alaska, College. Musk ox is a source of fleece, one of the finest in the world. Miss Baker learned how to knit qiviut, fine wool of the musk ox, after instructions by Mrs. Ann Schell, shown at right with her new daughter. Mrs. Schell traveled to Mekoryuk last winter to instruct Mekoryuk women to knit the fine wool. Adult musk ox sheds

about six pounds of qiviut each year. The wool has been estimated to cost \$50 per pound. Musk ox, once thought to be unruly and dangerous, is surprisingly easy to domesticate. It is an intelligent animal, fun loving and will answer to its name when called and come lumbering. The musk ox farm near UA is under the direction of John Teal. Emily Baker is at UA taking a course of Head Start training.

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## Stevens' Amendment to Make Blind Under 21 Work Vending Machines

If you have ever wondered and marveled at the blind person operating the vending facility in one of the Federal buildings or a private building throughout America you might find it interesting to know he is there because an

Act passed by Congress 33 years ago, called the Randolph-Sheppard Act, makes it possible.

Under the terms of the Randolph-Sheppard Act a program was established granting preference to blind people in the oper-

ation of vending facilities in Federal Buildings and has been adopted by many private establishments.

Ted Stevens, Alaska's Senior Senator, has announced his co-sponsorship of an amendment to the 1936 Act. In making the announcement Senator Stevens said, "the passage of time brings change and laws creating programs must periodically be revised to fulfill new needs."

Under existing law no person under 21 years of age can operate a vending facility. The new amendment will license responsible and capable blind men and women who are under 21.

Stevens said the amendment he has co-sponsored will broaden the range of concessions presently in use and will also include arbitration procedures between State licensing agencies and agencies controlling Federal property.

The Alaska Senator commented that last year 3,300 blind persons operated vending facilities under this program and had an average annual income of \$5,580.