

State input still possible on d-2 issue

A majority of congressmen, senators and administrators in Washington, D.C. are not yet committed to any particular d-2 legislation, according to a survey sponsored by the legislature's Steering Council for Alaska Lands.

According to Rep. Steve Cowper (D-Fairbanks), chairman of the council, 85 people, representing virtually all of the members of the House Interior Committee, other key representatives and senators and Carter Administration officials, were questioned in the survey. Of that number, 51 percent "had qualifications, doubts, amendments, deletions or additions to any number of the bills and were not supporting a particu-

lar bill completely."

The situation in Washington, D.C. on how Alaska's federal land should be classified and used is "flexible," Cowper said. He expressed confidence that **Alaskans will be able to influence the outcome of the legislation.**

The survey indicated support for the following d-2 bills:

17 percent supported the Administration proposal, authored by Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus.

11 percent supported S. 1787, introduced by Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska).

9 percent endorsed HR 39, introduced by Rep. Morris Udall (D-Arizona).

6 percent supported S. 499,

the Ford Administration proposals.

2 percent endorsed the concept of the Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission, which has not been put into the form of a bill.

4 percent stated that they were not supporting any of the present proposals.

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The Steering Council for Alaska Lands was formed to develop a statewide consensus on how National Interest Lands should be classified for future use.