

# Rep. Tom Fink Attacks

Anchorage Republican Tom Fink Wednesday attacked the proposal advanced by the Alaska Federation of Natives for a two per cent over-riding royalty on revenues from state and federal lands as part of the native land claims settlement.

Fink said no group had any right to make such a request. He also requested Governor Keith Miller to poll other Alaska legislators regarding their opinion of the proposal.

Fink said that the major portion of the claims settlement should take the form of land compensation, or payment of money, rather than revenue sharing.

Most native leaders, in defense of the AFN proposal, shared the opinion expressed by AFN Vice President John Borbridge.

Borbridge termed the revenue sharing proposal "another indication of sophistication" on the

part of Alaskan Natives. Borbridge urged that the state become involved in the settlement through the revenue sharing proposal.

"Looking at the economy and the welfare of its citizens, the state is involved," he said. "The finest thing that can happen is that the State administration rally around this just consideration to its Alaska Native citizens," stated Borbridge.

Borbridge emphasized the importance of seeking a settlement which would be more "flexible" because of revenue sharing.

"We could make a settlement now, and within ten years new discoveries and developments could make it insignificant. In asking for revenue sharing, we have retained a share in the development of the land," he stated.

"Alaska Natives are a part of the land; revenue sharing will give us some regard to this factor," Borbridge said.