

# Bill on Election Day Paid Poli-ad Vetoed

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller announced that he has vetoed House Bill 1 which would have prohibited the sponsorship of paid political advertisements in any form of mass medium on election day.

The Governor said he considered the measure unconstitutional.

In announcing his veto, the

Governor said, "In prohibiting only paid political advertising, the Bill would allow newspaper editors, program directors, commentators and others in control of the media to voice their opinions on election matters throughout the day of the election."

He added, "I cannot ascribe to the idea that the same freedom of expression may be denied to other concerned citizens merely because their only access to the media is through paid advertisement."

Miller said he vetoed the measure because of "the dangers inherent in allowing free voice to those who control the media while at the same time stifling the voice of the general public."