

Poll Shows 1 in 7 Would Vote For Gruening

A straw-vote poll conducted in Anchorage by Ron Moore, State President of the Young Democrats, showed yesterday that only 1 in 7 voters polled feel that Senator Ernest Gruening should re-enter the U.S. Senate race as a write-in candidate.

Moore revealed the poll in answer to Sen. Gruening's request to measure how Alaskans felt about the issue.

Moore said that he requested half a dozen young people to interview Alaskan voters in 6 separate locations around Anchorage.

"Out of the first 100 ballots now counted," said Moore "Senator Gruening receives sup-

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port only from 15, and many of the interviewers stated that several of those favoring Gruening in the race also said they would not vote for him in any case."

Moore compared Gruening's rating of 15% in Anchorage with the Senator's rating of 25% in the four-way primary race concluded just last August 27. "The Senator has lost substantial support by indicating he will not abide by the decision of the voters," said Moore. "This is plainly a simple question of majority rule, and everyone should admit it."

Moore, who is a local radio broadcaster, also said that his pollsters had indicated that of the 15 voting for Gruening to re-enter the race, some were Republicans interested in seeing

Gruening draw votes away from Mike Gravel, thus enhancing the chances of Elmer Rasmuson, a Republican.

"Along with most other Democrats, young and old," Moore said, "I have felt that Senator Gruening's re-entry into the race would be unfair and harmful. This poll has reinforced that thinking, and I hope it will encourage Senator Gruening to withdraw his name from further consideration."