

# Pipeline Layoff and Rehire

House Speaker Mike Bradner has again appealed to Gov. Jay Hammond to develop a pipeline layoff and rehire monitoring program.

Bradner said that Dec. will bring the largest layoffs on the pipeline, and unless the state takes special provisions, Alaskan residents are likely to receive the brunt of the layoffs while non-residents are retained.

He added that in rehire, "outside" foremen and supervisors are apt to request non-residents to fill pipeline jobs.

"The same problems persists," Bradner told Hammond. "The people who do the hiring and firing are not Alaskans, and they hire their friends and their relatives from outside the state.

Bradner said the state has taken a "non-involvement role" on the pipeline, hoping the problems

and the benefits of the pipeline will soon go away. The problem with that philosophy, Bradner said, is that it sets the precedent for future such projects in Alaska.

"I appeal to you for strong intervention for the purpose of prevention of layoffs," Bradner told Hammond. "It is not enough to say we will investigate complaints."

The Fairbanks lawmaker further asked that Tonsina camp be specifically investigated, and stated that large layoffs have occurred in that camp, with reports that non-residents of shorter job history have been retained. Bradner also charged that reports from the camp indicate that supervisors have retained non-resident relatives on the payroll while residents have been laid off.