

MacLean to chair community panel

Rep. Eileen MacLean, D-Barrow, announced that during the 16th session of the Alaska State Legislature she will be chairman of the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee, vice-chairman of the House State Affairs Committee and a member of the House Finance Sub-Committee on Community and Regional Affairs.

She has hired four people to staff her office. Helen Pootoogooluk, originally from Shishmaref and former assistant to retired Sen. Willie Hensley, D-Kotzebue, will be in charge of constituent affairs for the district. Edith Vordestrasse, of Barrow, will work as an assistant to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee and on constituent issues.

Louanne Christian, former aide to Sen. Al Adams, D-Kotzebue, will also work on the Community and Regional Affairs Committee and Rena Bukovich, former aide to Adelheid Herrmann, will be in charge of budget work and legislation.

MacLean's legislative office is in Room 128 of the Capitol Building. She or her staff can be reached at 465-4525 or 465-4833 or at P.O. Box V, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

"I would like to personally invite you to contact my office or visit my office, if you come to Juneau. It is important to me to maintain personal contact with people back home and I have made that a priority. Our first constituent teleconference will be held on Jan. 26 from 2:00-2:30 p.m. Additional information will be provided through the news media in the next week or two. I look forward to hearing from you."