

Editorial Comment—

Willard Bowman -- A Great Humanitarian

One settles down to probe his thinking capabilities and realizes that he is unable to set down in writing—whether that writing should be a requiem, a eulogy or an honor for a departed friend. He decides that what he wants most to do is a difficult plateau to achieve.

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passage of the Bartlett Bill (1966) guaranteeing Pribilof people fair working conditions and full citizenship, which was signed in Anchorage by the late President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Bowman served with the Human Rights Commission seven years. In 1970 he and Anchorage dentist Josh Wright became the first Blacks elected to the state legislature.

He was in the second year of his third term and chairman of the powerful House Rules

Committee at the time of his death.

The legislator, a Democrat, was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., and moved to Alaska in 1950 following seven years with the U.S. Navy. He was a veteran of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and served throughout World War II. He was 56 at the time of his death.

Bowman is survived by his widow, Maria, and two children.