



JUNEAU BOARD MEETING: Gov. Steve Cowper visited with the Full Board of AFN during their February meeting. Seated with the governor are: Ivan Gamble, Janie Leask, Morris Thompson and Glenn Fredericks.

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alternative bill prepared by its members. The bill includes some minor technical changes which AFN and the Alaska Native Coalition would like to see in the bill.

On the evening of Feb. 11, AFN members took advantage of an opportunity to relax a bit; AFN's basketball team soundly defeated that of the Alaska State Legislature, 96-80.

The Full Board met on Feb. 12. The meeting's agenda was full, including visits with some members of the Legislative Bush Caucus and Gov. Steve Cowper. Key legislative proposals by the Bush Caucus were presented to the board. Among them were pledges to restore state funding for the Rural Alaska Television Network (RATNET) and public radio broadcasting, and a measure sponsored by Sen. John Binkley that would make it easier for the state to contract out some services to non-profits.

Gov. Steve Cowper took the opportunity of his visit with the board to explain his budget priorities. Cowper told the board that his administration would work to see that necessary budget cuts did not impact anyone in the state unevenly. The governor also said that he would work to find the best level of government that the state's budget could sustain.

The key action taken by the Full Board was the

passage of a motion mandating that AFN and ANC attempt to include in the House version of the 1991 legislation as many of the changes in the alternate bill prepared by the Drafting Committee as could be included without slowing down the bill's progress. Some of the changes included in the alternate bill are a higher minimum quorum on any vote to terminate restrictions on the sale of stock to non-Natives; the exemption of up to \$2,000 per year of ANCSA stock dividends in determining eligibility for various government assistance programs; and a prohibition on non-Native inheritance of stock.

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Gene Kompkof and Al Kookesh; Ivan Gamble, Weaver Ivanoff, Ed Thomas, Byron Mallott and Mike Irwin; Larry Kimball, Don Mitchell, Gordon Pullar, Matt Nicolai and Jim Benedetto.

Playing for the Legislature: Steve Franks, Pat Pourchot, John Binkley, Swack Swackhammer, Cliff Davidson, Mike Navarro and Roger Jenkins.

During last year's game, the Legislature barely squeaked by AFN, 92-90. What made the difference this year?

"Since there's no money in the capital budget, we weren't afraid to go out there and beat them," explained Coach Kito.