

## 1991 bill must be passed this year

We at AFN are pleased to be able to report that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed H.R. 278 to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. We are once again indebted to Congressman Don Young for his dedication and hard work in getting the legislation through the House. Our thanks to Congressman Young, and also to Congressman Morris Udall, Chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

AFN has recently begun a series of radio call-in shows through the cooperation of public radio stations around rural Alaska. We hope that these shows will go a long way towards providing Alaska Natives in the rural areas about the legislation and how it will affect them.

Our outreach has thus far involved the *AFN Newsletter*, articles in the *Tundra Times*, *Alaska Native News Magazine*, our biweekly column in the *Anchorage Times*, the radio call-in shows and various speaking engagements around the state.

We are also in the process of producing a slide presentation on the 1991 issue to be transferred to videotape and distributed statewide later this year. We hope that you will find our

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efforts through the various media informative and thought-provoking.

Other noteworthy developments on the 1991 legislative process include the establishment of a full-time AFN presence in Washington, D.C. Special Assistant Julie Kitka has relocated to the nation's capital, where she will be coordinating AFN's lobbying efforts on behalf of the 1991 legislation.

Here is a progress report on the AFN-sponsored legislation presently before the Congress:

Following the mandate issued by delegates to the 1986 convention, AFN, working with members of the Alaska Native Coalition, drafted a bill which contains everything Native

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