

# Easement presentation by BLM \$40 million bond issue

A public presentation on easements will be held by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on March 18 and 19, at Sydney Laurence Auditorium in Anchorage beginning at 9 a.m.

The meeting will be held to clarify and discuss newly established criteria for reservation of easements across Native lands.

"We feel it is important to provide all the information we can on the easement criteria and answer questions that people may have," says BLM State Director Curtis V. McVee. "The easements provide for public use so all those affected should be as informed as soon as possible."

In addition to the daytime meetings on March 18 and 19, an evening session will also be held at Sydney Laurence from 7-9 p.m.

The easement criteria, established by Interior Secretary Thomas Kleppe in Secretarial Order No. 2982 on Feb. 5, provide for a 25-foot continuous easement along the marine coastline, easements to insure access to all public lands and resources, easements for roads and utility lines, periodic easements along recreational streams, and site easements for airports, boat docks and public campsites.

Local public easements across Native selected lands in Alaska are required by section 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Further information on the Easement Meetings can be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management Public Affairs Office in Anchorage at 277-1561, Ext. 158. Easement presentations will also be conducted in Fairbanks on a date to be announced.

JUNEAU—A bond issue totalling more than 40 million dollars for rural secondary schools was introduced in the Senate today by Senators John Sackett, R-Galena, Frank Ferguson, D-Kotzebue, and Chancy Croft, D-Anchorage.

The bill was offered by the bipartisan trio as an alternative to Governor Hammond's proposal for some 20 million dollars.

Senator Ferguson said the bill was filed "on behalf of the Hootch Case, which sought to have the State fulfill its obligation to provide educational facilities for all Alaskans."

Ferguson said he was dissatisfied with the Governor's bond proposals in general this year.

"The bond package for my district is the worst it has ever

been," he said. "Out of 239 million dollars, excluding school bonds, the governor provides only two million for my district. For a district which covers a quarter of the state, that's not enough."

Senate President Croft said his name was on the bill because, in his words, "the state should keep its commitments."

Senator Sackett explained, "The administration made a public commitment in the Hootch case to invest between 40 and 50 million dollars in rural secondary schools. The governor, by proposing half that amount this year and indicating the other half will come at a later date, is not abiding by that commitment."

"We simply think the state should stand by its word and produce the money for the schools."

## Opinion survey taken

An opinion survey is being taken by the Tanana Valley Fair to determine public viewpoints on strengths and weaknesses of the annual harvest time Fair.

Questions include, "What do you like best about the Fair?" "What do you like least about the Fair?" "How would you improve the Fair?"

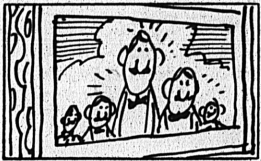
Copies of the survey have been distributed to the 2,500 persons on the Fair's general mailing list. Fair manager, Janet Baird, said, "Returns so far have been brisk and very complete."

Fair volunteers will man a booth at the Youth Winter Fair to obtain more responses

to the survey. Copies are also available on request from the Fair office, 452-3750.

The survey seeks a profile of the fairgoers in relation to how many hours were spent at the Fair, what mode of transportation was used to get to the Fairgrounds, if the respondent has entered exhibits or helped as a volunteer at the Fair.

Fair officials indicate they would like to have about 1,000 replies to get a good cross-section of community opinion. More than 65,000 persons attended the Fair last year. The 1976 Fair is scheduled for Aug. 11-15 and is the official Alaska State Fair.



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1. Election of (4) Directors for 3 year terms.
2. Reading of Resolutions.
3. Ratification of Action of 1975 Board of Directors.

And the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Please do not confuse this ad and other material as duplication of the Bering Straits Native Corporation. (Sitnasuak Native Corporation is a separate entity.) If there are any questions or comments regarding the Annual meeting. Contact: Sitnasuak Native Corporation P.O. Box 905, Nome, Alaska, 99762 or call 443-5296 or 443-5297.



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