

Experienced Legislators Needed in Washington

Ted Stevens, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, speaking before the Anchorage Kiwanis Club, has emphasized the need for experienced legislators in the U. S. Senate, representing Alaska.

"The Congress of the United States is 50 years behind the State Legislature in modernizing their techniques. Those of us who have served in the Alaska legislature have worked hard to

modernize our procedures. Congress must do the same thing—in the Senate, for instance, it takes 48 minutes to call the the roll on any vote. Congress must adapt itself to the computer age—it must have new people, but a Senator for the Seventies must be an experienced legislator who has already learned how to deal with the legislative process."

Stevens again criticized his primary opponent for failing to stand up and face the issues, personally, in an "unrehearsed, free and open debate." "I fail to see," Stevens said, "how the voters can judge a man's ability to speak for Alaska on issues of the day in open debate on the floor of the U. S. Senate if he is unwilling to debate right here at home."