

# Begich's Office --

## Statement Regarding Status

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The office of Alaska Congressman Nick Begich issued a formal statement regarding the status of the office and its continuing operation.

The statement was issued by Gene Kennedy, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Nick Begich and Guy Martin, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Begich to clarify the present situation and assure Alaskans of the continuing service of the office. Several specific points were made.

(1). The present situation, with the fate of the Congressman still unknown, is unique in the history of Congress, and creates some special problems, but the Congressional office is

continuing in full operation both in Washington, D.C. and through district offices in Alaska in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Ketchikan. The staff is virtually intact in all offices.

(2). The office has worked closely with the leadership and officers of the U.S. House, and has received not only legal and technical cooperation in resolving the situation, but also their warm cooperation and assistance in every possible way.

(3). Special working relationships have already been established between the office of Congressman Nick Begich and the other offices of the Alaska Congressional delegation, and the many Federal agencies which serve Alaska.