

Dahl files for House of Representatives

Anchorage attorney Thomas H. Dahl has announced that he has filed as a candidate for the United States House of Representatives. The announcement was made at the conclusion of an address to the Bartlett Democratic Club in Anchorage. He is seeking the Congressional seat held by Don Young of Fairbanks.

"Committees of volunteers have been formed in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Ketchikan, and we are off and running," said Dick Angel, one of the members of Dahl's Anchorage Steering Committee. "We have begun a serious effort to raise funds and get the word out about Tom and if all goes well the full organization will be in place shortly after the first of the year. We expect to have additional committees formed throughout the state," Angel said.

A former United Methodist minister, Dahl, 44, has been practicing law in Anchorage since 1977. Born in Duluth, Minn., he graduated from the University of Minnesota at Duluth in 1960 and from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. in 1964. After ordination he and his family moved to Homer where he served as pastor until 1966, when he was transferred to serve the Juneau United Methodist Church. He worked as part of a community effort to get a federal Model Cities

grant for the city, and served as the first director of the Model Cities Agency of the City of Juneau. He held that post until 1971.

He then enrolled at the University of Colorado and completed a Masters degree in Public Administration in 1973, followed by a law degree from McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento in 1977. A former partner of Cranston, Walters and Dahl and Strachan and Dahl, he has been in practice by himself since August, 1982.

His wife, Gail, is a nurse at Providence Hospital. They have three children, Steven, 22, a senior at Western Washington University; Kathryn, 19, a sophomore at the University of Washington; and Michael, a senior at Dimond High School.

Dahl served for four years as President of the Board of Directors of Alaska Children's Services, Alaska's largest private child-caring agency. He is a vice-president of the board. Dr. John Garvin, Executive Director of the agency and a member of Dahl's Steering Committee, said, "I'm delighted that Tom has decided to run for Congress. We have been discussing it for several months and I've been encouraging him to do it. He has ideas. He is creative, and he learns fast. He listens well. He is an effective leader. I think he will do a fine job."