

# List of priorities armed by Women's commission

The Alaska Commission on the Status of Women last week passed a 10-point list of priorities to send to Alaska lawmakers to "further the positive contributions made by Alaskan Women of diverse lifestyles, abilities, heritage and potential.

The priorities include:

- \* Fund the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, including sexual assault and domestic violence programs, women's resource centers and programs for men who batter, at the \$4.3 million level requested by Gov. Jay Hammond;

- \* Provide the necessary funding for documented needs of child care assistance, the Child

Care Grant Program, and the Headstart program;

- \* Grant the requested funding for the Child Support Enforcement;

- \* Increase representation of women and minorities in state employment and increase salaries of people in lower-paid positions;

- \* Provide full funding for the Division of Family and Youth Services of the Department of Health and Social Services to assure the necessary investigation, counseling and foster care for victims of child abuse, child neglect and incestuous assault.

- \* Fund the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women

at the level of \$429,000, including the funding for a study of Native Women in Alaska at the level of \$125,000 and provide funding for a statewide black women's conference in the fall of 1982.

- \* Extend the term of the commission for five years;

- \* Provide funding at the level of the Governor's budget request for the Older Alaskan's Commission;

- \* Continued state funding

for low-income women to receive needed health services, including abortion.

- \* Provide funding for Alaska Legal Services Corp. for \$600,000.