

# Governor's 5-Member Task Force Appears

An effort was made yesterday to regain a \$1 million native housing appropriation in testimony before a Senate subcommittee.

Appearing before the subcommittee on independent offices and the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the Senate Appropriations Committee was a five

member task force named by Governor Walter J. Hickel.

They were Edwin B. Crittenden, executive director of the State Housing Authority; Morris Thompson, deputy director of the State Rural Affairs Agency; State Senator Raymond C. Christiansen of Bethel; State Representative

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John C. Sackett, Huslia and Emil Notti, Anchorage, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

The task force was sent at the request of Senator E.L. (Bob) Bartlett. He has been overseeing possible restoration of the \$1 million after the House deleted the item, stating there had been insufficient planning.

Following House action, the state developed a plan in cooperation with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. According to word reaching Bartlett, the plan will be presented to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"I shall do everything I can," Bartlett stated, "to restore funds cut by House. Construction of new homes must be started at earliest possible moment."