

Human rights discussed

Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski recently discussed reports of violations of human rights in South Korea with Cardinal Kim, the nation's highest ranking Catholic leader.

Cardinal Kim is considered a moderate link between the government and the proponents of stronger human rights and democracy in South Korea.

"While the Chun government of South Korea has made some progress in this area, human rights violations continue to permeate their society — violations that must be carefully and

seriously addressed," Murkowski said after the meeting.

Murkowski and Kim discussed possible policies the United States could adopt which would balance U.S. support for human rights with the United States' strong desire not to interfere with the internal affairs of South Korea.

Kim told Murkowski that he is looking to the Chun government to institute further human rights and democracy reforms.