

HAMMOND WILL FACE EGAN

Willie Hensley Moves Ahead of Havelock as Votes Come in at 4 a.m.

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Rugged Jay Hammond of Naknek toppled two former GOP governors in the Alaska primary election Tuesday night for the Republican berth against Gov. William A. Egan in the November race.

The former Naknek legislator's momentum surged him ahead of Walter J. Hickel by a substantial number of votes. Hickel is a former Alaska governor and former U.S. Secretary

mond's running mate State Sen. Lowell Thomas Jr. would face incumbent Lt. Gov. H.A. "Red" Boucher in the general election.

Arch-conservative C.R. Lewis of Anchorage, a state senator affiliated with the John Birch Society, cornered over 50 per cent of the votes counted for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate, while Democratic incumbent Mike Gravel won his party's renomination with ease.

In the U.S. House race, incumbent Republican Don Young ran unopposed and State Sen. Willie Hensley was locked neck and neck with former Alaska Attorney General John Havelock for the Democratic nomination.

Alaskans also appeared decidedly in favor of relocating the State Capitol, an initiative proposal aimed at preventing conflicts of interest of public officials and providing that amendments to the Alaska constitution be submitted to voters not at the next statewide election following their proposal by the legislature, but at the next general election.

Hammond, 52, who has emphasized in his campaign the image of the pioneer Alaskan, is a commercial fisherman, master guide and air taxi operator.

Born in Troy, N.Y., he first came to Alaska in 1946 after receiving an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps. Two years later he received his degree in biological sciences from the University of Alaska.

He went on to be a homesteader, fisherman, guide and legislative leader, serving first in the State House and later, from 1967 to 1972 in the State Senate.

Governor Egan, 59, was born and raised in Valdez. It was there that he married, in 1940, the former Neva McKittrick.

Egan's early jobs included a variety ranging from road construction, miner and cannery worker to pilot. In 1940 he was elected to a House seat in the Alaska Territorial Legislature. He served in all five terms in the House and also as mayor of Valdez. He became Alaska's first elected governor after statehood, was voted out for a term and then was elected again in 1970.

State Sen. Willie Hensley, D-Kotzebue, was trailing slightly behind John Havelock in the Democratic U.S. House primary.

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of the Interior.

And at 4:00 a.m. this morning, Senator Willie Hensley shot ahead of John Havelock by several hundred votes. It was thought that this race for nomination for U.S. House of Representatives will have to be settled by absentee votes that number around 6,000.

With more than 100 of the state's 441 precincts still unreported early Wednesday, it also appeared definite that Ham-

Hammond and Egan . .

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Early Wednesday, Havelock led, 14,675-12,821.

But at 4 a.m. this morning, Hensley pulled ahead by several hundred votes.

Hensley supporters in Fairbanks said they felt the still uncounted bush votes could put the Eskimo legislator ahead.

Unofficial, incomplete returns also showed some other interesting results:

In House District 15, in the Aleutian Chain, Democratic newcomer Alvin Osterback won over

Boris Kosbruk and former Aleut Corp. President Michael Swetzof and will face Republican incumbent Jacob Lakten in the general election.

In House District 16, for Bristol Bay, former executive director of the Bristol Bay Native Corp. Nels Anderson Jr. ousted incumbent Joe McGill and appears a shoo-in for the seat, with no Republicans even running.

Incumbent Rep. Phillip Guy, D-Kwethluk easily won renomination by Democrats in House District 17, Bethel, and will face Republican Henry Shavings in November.

Democrat Leslie Swanson stopped fellow Democrats Mitch Demientieff, Harvey Black and Rep. Larry Petersen in the Yukon-Tanana House District 19 primary, Swanson will face Rep. Lavell Wilson, R-Tok, in this reapportioned district.

Running unopposed for the Democratic nomination in House District 21 was Brenda Itta of Barrow. She is also unchallenged to date for the general election.

Rep. Frank Ferguson, who lost the primary to Itta last time and then won victory as an independent in the general election, is battling Rep. Chuck Degnan, D-Unalakleet for the single Senate seat in reapportioned Senate District P. They were locked in a tight race early Wednesday, with many villages still unreported.

In Nome House District 22, Al Nakak was leading by a wide margin, but with only 5 of 23 precincts reporting.

Incumbent Ed Naughton easily won the Democratic nomination in House District 14, for Kodiak and incumbent State Sen. Kay Poland was unopposed in her bid for another Democratic nomination. She'll face Republican James Fisk Jr.

Among the highlights in Anchorage were the Democratic berth for Clark Gruening in the race for Anchorage House District 7. Gruening, an attorney for the Chugach Native Corp., is the grandson of the late U.S. Sen. Ernest Gruening.