

# Pub. Hearings On High Rents

"I have asked that public hearings be held in Fairbanks, Valdez, and Anchorage to determine whether residents feel a need for the imposition of rent controls. Commissioner of Commerce Tony Motley will chair the meetings which will be held in the next two weeks.

"I am concerned about the problems facing the residents of communities impacted by pipeline construction activities. I want to do what is possible to help, but at the same time I do not want to force State decisions on local residents where they are not desired.

"To date, I have received no request for consideration of rent controls from the local governmental leaders of those cities. I am therefore sending letters to them asking they respond with their recommendations.

"Requests for State action have already come from some local residents, from Fairbanks legislators, and I am aware of news reports on the rental situation.

"Commissioner Motley is organizing the public meetings at this time. He will seek public input to determine whether rent controls should be imposed.."