

Bill to do away with seal harvest

A delegation of Pribilof Islanders appeared before House foreign affairs subcommittees last month to argue against a bill by Rep. Lester Wolff, D-NY, which would do away with the annual fur seal harvest on St. Paul Island. The delegation, which included Michael Zacharof, executive vice president of Tanadgusix Corporation (St. Paul village), Larry Mercurieff, chairman of the board of Aleut Corporation, and Pat Pletnikoff, executive director of Aleutian-Pribilof Islands Association, said that failure to renew the fur seal treaty with Japan and Russia when it expires next year, would devastate Pribilof Islander's way of life and culture. To illustrate their point, a movie call "Man's Thumb on Nature's Balance" was shown.