

Begich in House Interior Comm.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Nick Begich (D-Alaska) was appointed last week to the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and the House Public Works Committee.

The freshman Congressman had requested these two assignments due to their importance to Alaska. Mr. Begich drew the first position on each Committee, an important seniority position among new members.

The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will consider the Native Land Claims and the oil pipeline issues in Alaska, the "two most important issues facing Alaska," according to Mr. Begich.

"Because Alaska is directly affected by these issues, I should be in a position where I will be of most help to the state," Begich said.

The announcements of committee assignments last week by the House Ways and Means Committee culminate a month-long campaign by Mr. Begich to secure these positions.