

AFN Committee Going to Wash.

The entire slate of the steering committee of the Alaska Federation of Natives may be going to Washington, D.C. to be on hand when the Senate begins its markup work on the Alaska native land claims bill.

According to Rep. William Hensley, executive director of the AFN, the funding for the group is coming from the State Rural Affairs Agency that will defray transportation and per diem costs of the steering committee.

The markup session is slated to begin on November 18.

Two members of the AFN steering committee are already in Washington and they are: Emil Notti, president of the AFN and John Borbridge, first vice-president, AFN, and also president of the Tlingit and Haida Central Council.

There are eight members in the committee. Those who are scheduled to go are: Cecil Barnes, Eben Hopson, Flore Lekanof,

Alfred Ketzler, State Senator Ray Christiansen, and Hensley.

Hensley said that Mrs. Alice Brown might go in place of Cecil Barnes.

Al Ketzler, who was recently

appointed assistant director of AFN, will return to Anchorage as soon as possible to be acting director.

The group may leave for Washington next Sunday.