



**Representative William Akers of Chuloonawick has announced that he has filed as a candidate for re-election to the State House of Representatives. For more on candidates for reelection, turn to page three inside.**



State Senator Frank Ferguson, left, and Representative Leo Schaeffer, right, Democrats from Kotzebue, at work in Juneau. These two state law-makers were among the first in the state's Bush Caucus to announce for next term.

## Ferguson & Schaeffer file

JUNEAU—State Sen. Frank Ferguson and State Rep. Leo Schaeffer, both Kotzebue Democrats, filed Friday for re-election to their respective legislative posts.

Ferguson, 39, who authored the \$250,000 appropriation bill to the Eskimo Whaling Commission, is serving his second term in the Senate. He previously served two terms in the State House, moving into the District P seat in the Senate when Willie Hensley decided to go for a U.S. House seat rather than to seek re-election to the State Senate.

Schaeffer, 30, who represents District 21, is just completing his first term in the House, where he introduced legislation for a \$90,000 appropriation for a fish hatchery study for the Kotzebue Sound area.

The two legislators hope to include in the fisheries bond proposal (to go before voters this fall) a \$5 million proposal for construction of a fish hatchery in the Kotzebue Sound area. If approved the hatchery would not be built until at least 1980. Schaeffer said he's hopeful that the \$5 million proposal would be included in the final House Bill 710, for funds for improvement of fisheries development facilities.

Ferguson and Schaeffer are also backing a \$100,000 appropriation in the capital budget for a reindeer feed study. That still faces the free conference committee in the legislature.