

# RCA offers villages satellite TV plan

JUNEAU--RCA Alaska Communications, Inc. Thursday presented its plan for providing live television to 176 locations in Alaska to the State House Finance Committee.

That committee is studying House Bill 908, requesting \$10.6 million for expansion of the present state television demonstration project.

The latest RCA offer would provide four full-time video channels between Alaska and the Lower 48, one full-time transponder for use within Alaska, seven satellite downlinks within Alaska from the Lower 48 and three satellite uplinks for inside Alaska, RCA officials said. Charles Robinson, Alascom's executive vice president, contends that figured on an hourly basis, the Alascom proposal is less expensive than any other proposal yet advanced to the state.

Alascom has also offered to continue the current television demonstration project through June 30, 1979, at the current rate, plus \$1.02 for each additional bush location provided. In offering to construct the television distribution system on a "keep cost" basis, Alascom included a request that the program be monitored by a mutually agreeable third party, RCA officials said.