

# AFN to Establish Full-Time Lobbyist

The Alaska Federation of Natives has decided to establish a full-time lobbyist in Washington, D. C. to promote causes of interest to the Native people of Alaska.

The position will be offered to State Representative Willie Hensley of Kotzebue, says AFN vice-president Don Wright.

If Hensley accepts the job, he will go to work "just as soon as possible," says Wright. "We've got to improve our communications if we're going to achieve any of our goals."

The decision to support the lobbyist came after the House Appropriations Committee voted to cut \$1 million from the native housing budget request.

In addition to trying to get the cut restored, the lobbyist will help with such causes as land claims legislation.

AFN is starting a major drive to collect the necessary funds to get Hensley on the job lobbying for the housing appropriation. The National Congress of American Indians has offered office space for the lobbyist.