

NSB Assembly passes ordinance

Following through on a promise he made before the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Mayor George Ahmaogak presented an ordinance to the North Slope Borough Assembly amending the bidding and purchasing authority and procedure of the borough.

The new ordinance encourages full and open competitive bidding practices and centralizes purchas-

ing and contracting in a more economical method.

The ordinance in particular, addresses the areas of: conflict of interest; competitive bid procedures; procedures for award; the administration of contracts; and the sharing of authority between the mayor and the assembly for approval of contracts. Many of the irregularities highlighted by the borough's recent audit are ad-

dressed by the new ordinance.

The commitment made by the Mayor in his March speech to the Chamber of Commerce was to propose an ordinance directed at those irregularities to "make sure they never happen again."

The ordinance introduced to the North Slope Borough Assembly last month by Mayor Ahmaogak, was passed by a supportive Assembly.