

# *Sackett Endorses Jay Hammond*

FAIRBANKS — State Sen. John C. Sackett, R-Galena, today announced his endorsement of Republican gubernatorial candidate Jay Hammond, "A man who through personal experience knows well the problems of rural Alaska."

Sackett said that the election of Jay Hammond, his former colleague in the Alaska Senate, would mean "a direct pipeline for rural Alaskans into the state government."

Living first in the Lake Clark area and then in Naknek, for a total of over 25 years in the

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bush, "Hammond understands through much personal experience the lifestyle and the problems of Alaskans who live in rural communities," Sackett said.

The state senator from Galena cited Hammond as a man concerned with the depletion of our fishing resources and one who would make them a top priority in his administration.

Hammond is also a strong advocate of advanced planning for orderly economic development of the state, especially in the area of industry, and this is vital to the state's fiscal health, Sackett said.

The Southwestern Alaska bush pilot served for four years as a state senator for Interior Alaska and two years as president of the Senate. He is well respected personally and for his work as a legislator, Sackett said.