

# Thanks, Alaska!

WASHINGTON, D.C. As the Congressional offices of Congressman Nick Begich prepare to officially close with the election of a successor on March 6th, the Begich staff extended its deepest appreciation to the people of Alaska for their friendship and assistance during the months since the Congressman's plane vanished.

Speaking on behalf of the staff members, Gene Kennedy, Begich's Administrative Assistant, said that Alaskans have been "wonderful during this extremely difficult period. So many people called and visited our offices to voice their concern and to offer their help, and that friendship meant a great deal to all of us," he said.

"Working with Nick instilled in all of us an awareness of Alaska's potentials and problems, and a desire to help," Kennedy said. "We thank the people of our State for allowing us to continue the public service functions of the office during this interim period, and we all look forward to continuing to work for Alaska in the future."