

Rader Gives Pollock Terse Reply

ANCHORAGE—John Rader, Democratic candidate for the United States House of Representatives, last Saturday, in a wire to Alaska's Congressman responded to his personal request for guidance on the June 12th vote to cut government spending and a tax increase.

In the wire Rader said, "I am struck by the fact that the financial problems of our country, as President Johnson has noted for many months, have been long apparent to alert readers of the economic indicators."

"It is troubling, therefore," said Rader, "to see these problems treated in your letter as though the current dilemma in Congress was not the making of the members, who, like yourself, failed to respond to the President's call for congressional action in the last session."

Rader charged that Pollock and other members of Congress should have been considering these problems since the 1966 election.

Rader enumerated the problems as, "the need for reform of the tax structure, closure of the loopholes which impose a disproportionate share of the tax burden on the middle and low income groups, the need for programs to expand employment opportunities, and a reappraisal of the United States world-wide role."

Rader expressed fear that the six billion dollar tax cut would adversely affect Alaska.

He said, "To approve a blanket cut of this type, unrelated to the effectiveness and necessities of the various program affected is an abdication of the Congressional power to appropriate funds. Cuts of this type will undoubtedly adversely affect programs for Alaska."

Although Rader has curtailed campaign activities during the period of mourning for Senator Kennedy, the urgency which was attached to the letter made an immediate reply necessary.