

# Governor Pleased on Final Approval of Housing

JUNEAU—Alaska's Governor Keith Miller took evident pleasure last week in announcing final approval by the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the Alaska Remote Housing Implementation Plan.

The Governor had been informed of the action by Alaska's senior Senator, Ted Stevens.

On February 17 Senator Stevens conferred with the Office of the Secretary at HUD to urge immediate positive action on the plan by the Department. The legislation leading to this plan was originated by Senator Bart-

lett.

In 1969 the plan calls for a \$1 million expenditure in grants and loans by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to Alaska. The money will be utilized for construction of low income housing and related facilities for Alaskan natives and other Alaskans unable to finance such facilities on their own.

The program and funds will be administered by the Alaska State Housing Authority(ASHA) Governor Miller quoted Sena-

tor Stevens as saying, "I feel that the few changes made to the original plan have not substantially changed the intent of Senator Bartlett in providing public housing in Alaska in a program tailored to meet Alaska's unique housing situation."

The Governor commented, "This action demonstrates that the State can work effectively with the Federal government to better the lot of all Alaskans, and our congressional delegation is working hard to move such matters along."