

# Emergency Compensation Extended

JUNEAU — Alaska's Commissioner of Labor, Henry A. Benson, today reported that the Seattle Regional office of the U.S. Manpower Administration has now advised his office that Congress has just passed legislation extending the duration for payment of Emergency Compensation (EC) unemployment insurance benefits.

Under the present law, anyone who filed an EC Application after January 30, 1972, and has been paid at least one week's benefits before June 30, 1972, could receive up to a maximum of thirteen weeks benefits through the period ending September 30, 1972.

The EC program has now been extended six months so that anyone who applies for EC and is paid at least one week's benefits before December 31, 1972, may continue to file

weekly claims and receive up to the maximum of thirteen weeks benefits through the period ending March 31, 1973.

Commissioner Benson advises that anyone who has exhausted his regular unemployment benefits should report to the nearest Manpower Center or contact the Employment Security Division of the Alaska Department of Labor at P.O. Box 3-7000, Juneau, Alaska 99801 to check on his eligibility for the EC benefits..

The Commissioner pointed out that the extension granted by Congress applicable to the EC program, does NOT provide additional new benefits to those who have drawn benefits under the EC program, it merely provides additional time during which unemployed claimants may apply for the EC benefits.