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# Future of Poverty War

The very existence of RurAL CAP and its 10 development corporations such as: SEACAP and Koyukon just to name two of their regionally funded, private, non-profit, corporations is dependent now upon national legislation currently in the form of HR 14449.

Charles Hodges of Region X recently reported to the RurAL CAP Board of Directors that HR 14449 is not the most agreeable legislative Bill to compromise

on, the all-important minority leadership in the House of Representatives will probably recommend that the President veto any more liberal legislation.

Hodges also reported that the Senate would probably pass legislation that would very possibly call for a simple three-year straight extension of what we now know as OEO.

However, it is expected that in free conference committee, the House of Representatives will emerge and be passed by both Houses of Congress.

Executive Director of RurAL CAP, Mike Harper, reported that, "We expect that President Nixon will veto any OEO legislation but we also expect that the Congress will be able to over-ride the veto because it will be in such a form that our former enemies will be supportive of that particular piece of legislation."

Harper expressed gratitude to the staff and the entire RurAL CAP structure, both in the regional offices and in the Central Anchorage staff for holding tight and keeping their dedication to do a job for the low-income people of rural Alaska in spite of these hard financial crisis that make it difficult to carry-on a normal working attitude.