

Sen. Hensley Seeks \$9 Million Bond Issue for Schools

JUNEAU — Senator Willie Hensley, (D) Kotzebue, introduced legislation in the State Senate Monday calling for a \$9,000,000 bond issue for the purpose of construction of area high schools and multi-purpose rooms at bush elementary schools.

The authorization of the bonds would be made by the voters of the state at the next general election.

Hensley said, "there is a tremendous need for these facilities in the bush areas, not only for the three area high schools proposed, but each community can certainly utilize the multi-purpose rooms to their fullest advantage."

Hensley's bill would authorize area high schools at Newhalen, Gambell-Savoonga and on Nelson Island with a \$1.5 million price tag on each facility.

Elementary schools slated for multi-purpose rooms, at about \$300,000 each, are at Galena, Holy Cross, Kaltag, Kenny Lake, Kivalina, Kongiginak, Manaktak, Noatak, Nondalton, Northway, Point Hope, Selawik, Shishmaref, Teller and Togiak.

Construction would be financed through the sale of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$9,000,000 which would be set aside in a special "1972 Multipurpose and Secondary Educational Facilities Construction Fund" and then appropriated to the Department of Education for actual use.