

Carter to meet with leaders

Most of Alaska's Native leaders have been invited to a reception in the White House Thursday where they will be briefed by President Jimmy Carter on the administration's views on the Alaska lands bills.

Telegrams carrying the invitation were received over the past weekend. It was not known at press time just how many of those invited will be able to attend the 2 p.m. afternoon briefing. Also scheduled to attend the meeting were Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus and Stuart E. Eizenstat, President Carter's special assistant for domestic affairs and policy.

Last week Andrus and Eizenstat went on record saying that President Carter would support a substitute measure sponsored by Representative Morris Udall, D-Ariz. Two weeks ago, Udall published in the Congressional Record amendments he is proposing to current bills under consideration. His proposals contain most of amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) sought by Native organizations in Alaska.

Meanwhile, however, on Tuesday morning, Rep. Jerry Huckaby, D-Louisiana, introduced into the Congressional Record another set of amendments to his own bill, which also includes solutions sought by the Native groups.

The House Rules Committee Tuesday afternoon began the technical markup sections on the various bills under consideration. At issue are the procedures under which the various bills eventually will be brought to the floor of the House later this week and the priority by which amendments can be made.

Other state leaders, including John Katz, special assistant to Governor Jay Hammond, on the d(2) legislation, also are expected to attend the White House briefing.