

# Rural group sets opposition to income tax repeal

Concerned about the current movement in Alaska for the repeal of state personal income tax, a group of rural Alaskan leaders has endorsed the "energy tax credit" plan proposed by Governor Hammond.

The Executive Committee of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAl CAP), in a recently adopted formal resolution, said the energy tax credit proposal is a "method of redistributing excess oil revenues in an equitab-

le manner to Alaskan residents."

The organization further said the energy tax creditor plan is "clearly superior" to other schemes for redistributing the surplus oil revenues. The proposed Alaska General Stock Ownership Corporation (AGSOC), and the proposed State income tax repeal were specifically mentioned as being among other "schemes."

The organization qualified its endorsement of the energy tax credit plan, saying that it

approved of it "in principal."

RurAL CAP Executive Director Phil Smith said the organization has concerns that the plan was not fully developed, and that it not be viewed as a "panacea" for all rural problems.

The Executive Committee said repeal of the personal income tax would have little, if any, benefit to low income rural Alaskans and tends to benefit those least in need of help, including non-resident workers.