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## Bush sets legislative priorities

**Anderson  
and Gardner  
in showdown for  
House speaker**

From Our Juneau Bureau

JUNEAU — Sen. John C. Sackett (R-Galeana) and Sen. Frank Ferguson (D-Kotzebue) have announced that their priorities for the Eleventh Alaska Legislature are education and jobs in rural Alaska.

Sackett has been appointed to serve a second session as Chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee. Senator Ferguson, recently reelected to his second term, has been appointed as Chairman of the Senate Labor and Management Committee and as Vice Chairman of the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

In order to achieve the priorities, Sackett and Ferguson said they are considering the possibility of using tax incentives to encourage the growth of private enterprise while promoting more jobs for rural Alaskans.

Both senators say they plan to work closely with Sen. Bill Sumner (R-Anchorage), Chairman of the Senate Employment Opportunities Committee and the Senate Resources Committee.

Senators Sackett and Ferguson say they are confident that funds available will be used to the best benefit of all Alaskans and will "once again ensure that the much needed bush priorities will be given the emphasis they want."

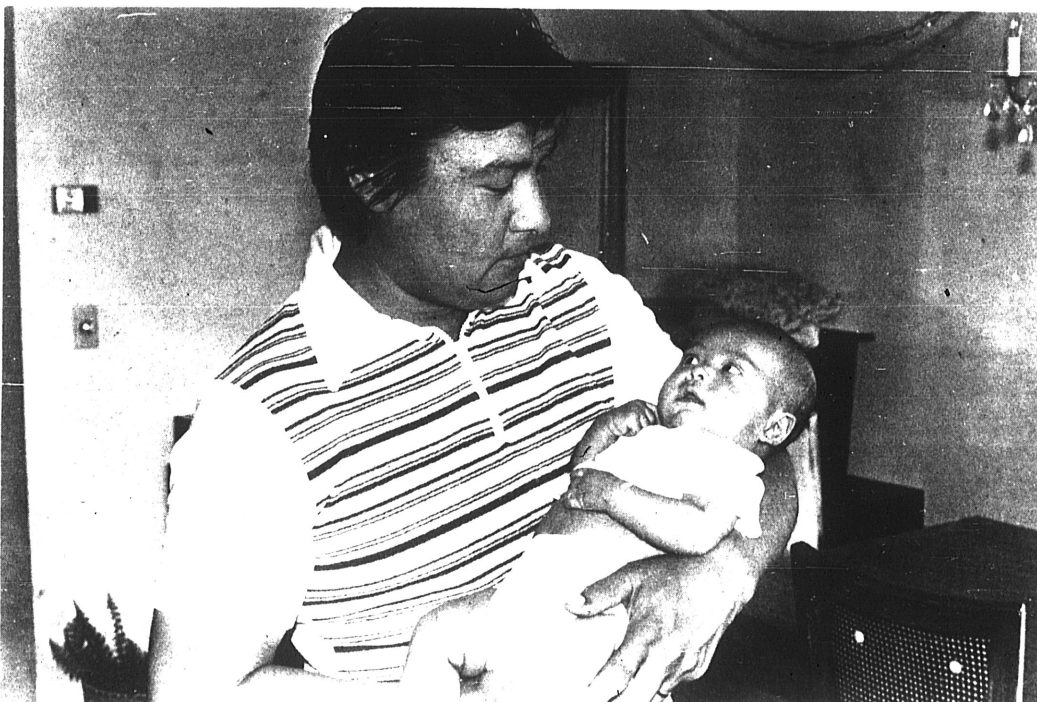
At press time, the House of Representatives has still not yet organized its leadership. An apparent showdown is developing for the top post of Speaker between Rep. Nels Anderson, Jr. (D-Dillingham) and Rep. Terry Gardner (D-Ketchikan).

The caucus of bush legislators (See BUSH, Page Five)



**INUIT SUMMIT** — Professor Robert Petersen, of the Institute of Eskimology of Copenhagen, Denmark, a Greenland Eskimo leader, recently conferred with North Slope Borough Mayor Eben Hopson (right) in Anchorage. The two are top leaders in the Inuit Circumpolar Conference. Professor Petersen traveled to Alaska for a meeting with Hopson on matters pending before the ICC as well as to observe court action in a suit brought by Eskimo whalers against Commerce Commissioner Juanita Kreps.

— Bill DuBay Photograph



**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY** — Rep. Leo Schaeffer (D-Kotzebue) and his wife Robbie will have plenty to keep them occupied during the 11th Alaska Legislature. On the floor of the House, Schaeffer will attend to bush priority items. At home, Leo and Robbie will have other priorities, including the care and feeding of their latest arrival, Todd, seen here with the legislator late last summer in Kobuk. Todd was born in June.

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