

Aspinall, AFN Willing to Compromise on Issues?

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20)—Alaska Native Land Claims

legislation remains in limbo today in the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Reputable sources indicate, however, that Interior Committee Chairman Rep. Wayne Aspinall (D-Col), and the Alaska Federation of Natives now display a willingness to compromise on many major issues on the claims question.

Alaska Congressman Nick Begich, Rep. Lloyd Meeds (D-Wash); Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii); and Rep. Ed Edmondson (D-Okla) are all reported to have strongly urged Aspinall and

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Interior Affairs Subcommittee Chairman James Hailey (D-Fla.) to allow one more day of mark-up on the legislation.

In order for the claims bill to have any chance of passing Congress this session, the representatives are reported to believe the bill must be reported out of committee prior to recess of

the House Aug. 6. It is highly likely most major issues will be discussed in advance of any new mark-up session.

Action before the House recess, if any action is seen at all, is expected to reflect a more pragmatic approach on behalf of both AFN and Interior Committee members.