

Young garners ANWR sponsors

Congressman Don Young, R-Alaska, announced recently that H.R. 1082, a bill he is sponsoring to open the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas leasing and development, has been co-sponsored by more than 100 members of the House.

By last week, 112 congressmen had signed on.

"It's clear that House members are concerned about continued domestic energy supplies," Young said. "They have seen the remarkable environmental record of Prudhoe Bay and are convinced, in ever-growing numbers, that it can be repeated in ANWR."

Young recently sent a package of ANWR information to all members of the House. Included was a videotape which described the operations at Prudhoe Bay and in wildlife refuges in other areas of the country.

Both the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* have written editorials in the past few weeks sup-

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porting oil exploration and development in ANWR. They were joined by *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Times*, among others.

"We haven't won the battle yet," Young said, "but the momentum is running in our direction. It's going to take a continued, unified effort on the part of all Alaskans and concerned Americans to see that the rich resources of ANWR are tapped."