

# Shively may lobby for 1991 amendments

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Veteran John Shively may be called into active duty again by the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) to do battle in Washington, D.C. as a lobbyist on 1991 amendments to the Native claims settlement act.

"It's been discussed a little bit," says Shively, who has worked for Native organizations nearly two decades. "But it's all real preliminary. I don't really want to discuss it until a hard offer is made."

AFN executive director, Janie Leask, declined comment on hiring Shively because the 24-member board of directors needs to talk about it first.

"It does interest me," said Shively of the possible lobbying assignment. Shively recently resigned as chief of the gover-

nor's staff after 20 months of service. He was executive vice-president of AFN between late 1972 and 1975 and worked on initial amendments to the claims act. During the following eight years he was a top executive for NANA Regional Corporation and lobbied Congress on (d)2—the classification of Alaska lands as called for by a section of the Native claims settlement act.

If Shively is drafted by AFN it's likely he'll be on NANA's payroll at the same time. "I would like to see him back," said NANA president, John Schaeffer. "He did a fantastic job lobbying for Natives on (d)2. Those who dealt with him then would like to see him do good work again."

Shively said he'd be interested in AFN's offer even if he rejoins NANA. However, Schaeffer in-

dicated there "could be a problem" having an individual employed by one corporation while lobbying for them all. "We don't all agree—at least on the process," said Schaeffer referring to how the 14-year-old claims act should be amended to protect Native corporation stock which can be sold as of 1991. But he said he did not object to Shively accepting tandem roles.

The U.S. House of Representatives has scheduled committee hearings in Anchorage this week on 1991 changes. Meetings sponsored by Alaska Republican Senators, Frank Murkowski and Ted Stevens, will also be held late this year and in early 1986 in six rural communities. Dillingham, Bethel, Nome, Kotzebue, Tanacross, and Hoonah tentatively have been designed as hearing sites.

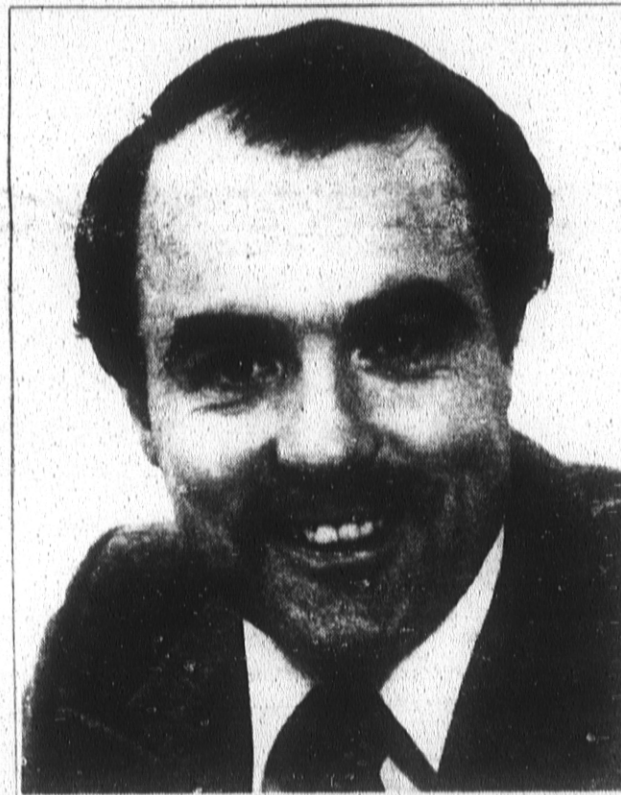


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