

John Sackett to Coordinate Hammond Campaign in Bush

State Senator John Sackett of Galena has been named to coordinate the campaign of Jay Hammond and Lowell Thomas, Jr. in rural Alaska.

Sackett, President of Doyon, Ltd. (The state's largest Native Corporation) stressed that Hammond has "struck a responsive chord with rural villages in the state", and that "the Egan administration has lost touch with

rural Alaskans."

Sackett added, "I've worked with Jay in the legislature and have found him very responsive to the needs of rural Alaska as well as the urban areas. He's concerned about education, about health, and about the gaps that exist in transportation and communications in the bush.

"Jay's record proves that

he's done a lot to help rural communities in the past and will continue to help them as governor."

John C. Sackett has served in the Alaska legislature for the past seven years. He is a 1971 graduate of the University of

Alaska. He is former chairman of the Alaska Federation of Natives and a former president of the Tanana Chiefs Conference.

Following the Land Claims Settlement, Sackett was elected head of Doyon, Ltd., and was re-elected to the position earlier

this year.

He is a member of the Bureau of Land Management's National Advisory Board. As bush coordinator, Sackett has named assistants in the bush and is assisting Lowell and Jay in their campaign swings in rural Alaska.