

# **Legislation Delay on Claims Concerns Pollock**

Congressman Howard W. Pollock last week sent a letter to Emil Notti, president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, expressing concern about the delay in introducing land claims legislation in Congress.

Pollock said that prior to the time any hearings are held before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee it will be necessary for the Department of the Interior to submit a report to the committee on its position concerning the specific legislation.

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mission of this report will take some time, further delaying the hearings and action by the committee," said Congressman Pollock.

Notti, in Fairbanks this week, said, "I share the Congressman's concern for a speedy solution to the problem and it is our plan to have firm recommendations and a position shortly."

"The Federal Field Committee report," Notti continued, "which we received not too long ago must be given our most serious consideration and study and it has taken some time to try and determine the implications of some of their recommendations."

Notti said that the land claims task force drafting committee will be meeting today and tomorrow. (Mar. 21-22) in Fairbanks.

"And the AFN board will meet in Anchorage on Mar. 28 with Justice Arthur Goldberg and after these two meetings, we will be in a better position to state our position and work for a speedy and fair settlement."