

Statement by Secretary-Treasurer of Alaskans for Begich

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"Throughout this difficult period, it has been the agreed intention of all those associated with the re-election campaign for Congressman Nick Begich to refrain from public statements

regarding the campaign.

"Unfortunately, the Republican nominee has now seen fit to make certain statements seeking to take advantage of an unfortunate situation.

"Because those statements were ill-timed and extremely misleading, it is necessary for me to make a brief reply. Alaska law is precise and complete in providing for the present situation.

"In plain terms, it provides that if no definite report is received regarding Congressman Begich before midnight, Satur-

day the 28th, then his name WILL remain by law on the election ballot, regardless of what occurs in the final 10 days.

"Out of respect for all those concerned, our campaign intends to make no further statement until this deadline has passed, at which time, complete statements will likely be made.

"Still, Alaskans should be told that political promises made recently by the Republican nominee have no relationship to the law and do no credit to a fair campaign."