

Sea Mammal Bill--

Willard Asks Kennedy to Pull Bill

ANCHORAGE — The Executive Director of the Alaska Human Rights Commission has called upon Senator Edward M. Kennedy, D-Massachusetts, to withdraw his bill that would place restrictions on the taking of sea mammals — except for subsistence use.

In a letter to Kennedy, Robert Willard, the director, asked Kennedy to seek amendments that would allow the taking of sea mammals for Native handmade artifacts and clothing.

"I fear the culture of the

Alaska Native will be annihilated," Willard wrote, if the Senate follows the action of a House passed bill. The House recently passed overwhelmingly a measure that placed very restrictive provisions of taking of sea mammals.

Willard said of the House version is passed "The very existence of the Natives will be threatened. Hope this is not the intent of your bill, Senator."

As a Senator who visited Alaska's rural villages, I thought you would be more sympathetic," Willard told Kennedy.

Jackson Estimates—

Native Vote Crucial in Election

Barry Jackson, Fairbanks attorney, who has long been deeply involved in fair legislation for Alaskan Natives, has just won the post of Chairman of the Central District of the Democratic Party.

Mr. Jackson has worked with Native interests as far back as 1965, when the village of Minto hired him to represent them. Subsequently, his help was sought by other villages, and eventually he was retained by the Tanana Chiefs.

He was the principal draftsman of the AFN Bill, introduced into the Senate as S-2906, and in 1968 was retained as co-counsel for the AFN, a position he held until his resignation in 1969.

He has continued to work in Native affairs with the Tanana Chiefs, drafting and developing

ideas that could be included in legislation.

In remarking on the overwhelming success of the first substantial turnout of delegates from the bush, Mr. Jackson said that there was no doubt they would become a very important bloc.

On the statewide level, he said, "The Native vote and the Native-related vote probably constituted over 25% of ALL the votes in any state election."

"In my opinion," said Mr. Jackson, "we have not had any statewide candidate elected in the past four to six years without substantial Native support. If he didn't have substantial Native support, he wasn't elected. This was the key to the election of Sen. Gravel, Pollock, Hickel

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Bush Legislators Want High Schools--

Rep. Moore Said State, BIA Negligent in Bush Education

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JUNEAU — A strong conviction that rural Alaskan children should be educated at their place of residence has motivated recent action from state legislators of the bush group, a coalition of rural legislators.

According to one member of the bush group, Rep. Martin Moore, D-Emmonak, the time has come for village high school construction. This can come about either through legislation, which Moore and others have sponsored, or through legal action, Moore said.

It is unfortunate that from territorial days through the present, the federal government, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the State of Alaska have been collectively negligent in providing for the education of Alaska's rural children, Moore said.

According to Moore, the present situation in which more than 1400 14-19 year olds from Alaskan villages are sent to boarding schools and homes in Sitka, Nome, Chemawa, Oregon, and elsewhere has caused severe problems.

Among these problems, Moore cited the loss of parental guidance at a critical age, loss of cultural identity and creation of an unnatural situation in rural villages.

Such problems have brought about an intolerable condition which can only be corrected by bringing secondary educational facilities to the villages, Moore said.

House Bill 640, introduced by Moore and others of the bush group, provides for the construction of state secondary schools in Barrow, Noorvik, Selawik, Togiak, New Stuyahok, Unalakleet, Chevak, Emmonak, Mt. Village, Hooper Bay, Kipnuk, Kwethluk and Kotzebue.

The construction is to be financed by \$19.5 million in general obligation bonds.

The passage of this bill, Moore said, will insure a quality education for Alaska's rural children, without removing them from their communities.

Currently, the bill is in the House Health, Welfare and Education and Finance committees.

Moore would not comment on the bill's chances for enactment, but he did say that if it fails, he and others of the bush group will take legal action aimed at the Alaska Department of Education.

"In the past, the Department of Education has had money available with which it could expand educational facilities in

rural areas, but it sits on these funds," he said.

Members of the bush group believe the recent Kivalina case proves that the Department of Education's boarding policy is on poor legal footing.

In the Kivalina case, court action was taken in behalf of seven high school students from the village of Kivalina who desired an education in their own village.

Before a judgment could be given in the case, the state agreed to provide a high school in Kivalina.

Proponents of an expanded rural high school system believe that two Alaska Statutes give their cause strong legal support.

Alaska Statute 14.03.080 states: "A child of school age is entitled to attend public school without payment of tuition during the school term in the district in which he is a resident."

Alaska Statute 14.14.110 states: "If cooperative arrangement requires pupils to live away from their usual homes, the school board shall provide classes within the district for any grade represented by more than three elementary pupils or five secondary pupils."

These statutes, Moore feels, are the basis of what could become legal action to bring secondary education to rural Alaskan students instead of sending them elsewhere to school.

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Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

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Your birthday today: Opens a drive for progress in personal living, higher standards in conservative directions. Your abilities must come into full use. Sentimental and romantic interests often complicate your career effort, need frequent special decisions. It's a busy year but a lucky one. Today's natives are strong, ready workers with the urge toward candor in personal expressions.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: The search for harmony should fill your day as you get routines settled. You may have to travel farther than normal to get an extra favor.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: Your persuasive powers are near peak, so present your plans for approval. Celebrate the later hours with loved ones.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: Deals can be closed, papers signed now with better results—assuming you've really worked out the details. Bright ideas arrive.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: Put your mind on business now and get on with it. Romance seems out of the question until you make changes and have new resolutions.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Seek added resources for

work. People tend to cooperate more but ask them simply and early enough to reserve time.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: Don't mind the small gaps; pick up with what you have and go ahead with confidence. The competition is not well put together.

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Merely going along with those you love brings subtle but great results. Today's understanding provides better future resources.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: Present your progress in its best light, leaving room for further expansion. Care with details pays well. Home life includes surprises.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: Set up a new reserve account as an investment for the future. Romance beckons for the eligible.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: Go all out to do your best for home and family. Property can be improved, supplemented, and cleared of encumbrance.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Hobbies and sidelines offer an excellent way to attract people who can help you achieve higher income and security.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: Realistic enterprises pick up momentum. Wherever the way is clear, go right ahead as agreed and hope for the best.

Village of Aniak Votes to Incorporate

By a vote of 35 to 31, Aniak, a middle Kuskokwim community in southwestern Alaska, voted on April 4, 1972 to incorporate into a fourth class city.

An accompanying question of a 2 per cent sales tax was defeated by a margin of 46 to 17.

City Council members elected were Rod Walch, Clara Morgan, David Hassinger, Chet Clark and LaMont Albertson. David Hassinger will serve as secretary-treasurer, Clara Morgan as vice-president and LaMont Albertson as president.

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