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## ANALYZING BILL DIFFICULT

### Difficulties: Bill Not Yet Drafted and Contains Many Varied Proposals

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 20)—Anyone wishing to analyze the Alaska native land claims bill which was reported out of the Senate Interior Committee September 15 faces a difficult task for two reasons.

Understanding of what the Senate wishes to accomplish is hard to achieve because the bill has not yet been drafted. An even more complicating factor is the presence of so many varied proposals in the legislation dealing with a multitude of Alaska problems that it is difficult to ascertain which proposals are intended to settle the Alaska native land claims.

Discussion of the proposed legislation during the mark-up session lasted less than two hours and 15 minutes. The committee required less than three minutes to decide which land provisions to incorporate into the bill.

Senator Stevens argued for his proposal, which would provide for 40 million acres in contiguous block selections to natives. Majority counsel William Van Ness explained the staff proposal for 50 million acres, providing only 30 million in fee simple title and 20 million in land use permits.

Why not have both, asked Senator Jackson. Senator Gravel endorsed the option and everybody else accepted the compromise.

The reason for such rapid action, explains Stevens, is that Senate will have to move fast to get the bill on the calendar for a vote this year.

A senatorial aide later suggested that a bill is sometimes hurriedly reported out in order to prevent prospective critics from having time to react against it.

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### Conservationists—

#### Strong Push by Groups May Snag Bill

By MADELYN SHULMAN  
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As a super fast land claims bill was reported out of the Senate Interior Committee last week the House Interior Committee is still marking up its bill—expected to be out sometime next week.

The bill has come under strong attack from various sides in the House. On their first day of markup session last Wednesday, the committee rejected an

amendment offered by Rep. Joseph P. Viorito, (D-Pa.) which would reduce the land grant contained in the House bill from 40 million to 10 million acres.

Other Representatives are opposed to any legislation at all. Rep. John P. Saylor, R-Pa., the ranking Republican on the Interior panel called the bill a "sad cry for the American taxpayers" in his opposition to the legislation.

Another dispute which may

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ASNA BRIEFING—Arctic Slope executive director, Charles Edwardsen, Jr. and attorney James Wickwire attended a briefing last week in Wash-

ington to bone up on provisions of the land claims bill passed by the Senate Interior Committee. Photo by TOM RICHARDS, JR.

### Internal Report By AEC

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator Mike Gravel disclosed today a copy of an internal report by the Atomic Energy Commission which confirms his earlier claim that the AEC engages in illegitimate public relations tactics to sell its underground nuclear testing program.

The report was uncovered by the General Accounting Office as part of an investigation of Senator Gravel's earlier accusations of AEC propaganda activity during the time of the last underground nuclear test, MILROW, exploded in Alaska, in October, 1969.

A test five times larger in magnitude, code-named CANNIKIN, is tentatively scheduled for next month. Senator Gravel has been leading the opposition to

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### Laura to Host Luncheon for Jeane

TUNDRA TIMES banquet featured speaker Jeane Dixon will be the guest of honor at a luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bergt shortly after her arrival in Fairbanks on October 9.

Mrs. Laura Bergt, the Alaskan delegate to the National Council on Indian Opportunity, will host the luncheon which will introduce Mrs. Dixon to the TUNDRA TIMES board and staff.

Father Nicholas Kompkoff, Aleut priest, will deliver the invocation at the beginning of the banquet.

Meanwhile, ticket sales for the banquet are well underway.

The Alaska Federation of Natives, which is holding its annual convention at the Travelers-Inn on October 8, 9 and 10, plans the banquet to be a highlight of their three day meeting.

Tickets for the October 9 banquet at Travelers' Inn, can be ordered through the Tundra Times office. Price is \$15 per

ticket, \$25 per couple.

Tickets are also on sale at the Borealis Book Store, the University of Alaska Information office, Ralph Perdue's Jewelry, and College Floral and Gift Shop.

### Edwardson Says He Will Resign

Arctic Slope Native Association executive director Charles Edwardson, Jr. announced that he plans to resign from his Association post as of October 10—his dad's birthday.

"I want the time to make a conducive atmosphere for my children. I've been a telephone father for too long," Edwardson explained about his decision.

Edwardson and his wife are divorced and his children live with their mother in Ketchikan.

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## Alaska Economy Not Too Bad—

### 'About Same as Last Year and Last Year Biggest'

By LAEL MORGAN

One of the favorite topics of the day is how bad Alaska's economy is without the pipeline, because of the Land Claims battle and the Long Shore strike.

Yet despite the tie-ups, a national recession and gloomy predictions by Alaska's governor, economists and private business sector; Alaska's economy is doing surprisingly well.

In Fairbanks, plans for building two refineries have been suspended but real estate sales are booming.

"It's just about the same as last year and last year was the

biggest ever," a spokesman for Meyer's Real Estate said.

Vernon Forbes, president of Mt. McKinley Savings and Loan, says 1971 is their biggest year for single family housing starts and he's so encouraged he's building a \$700,000 addition on his own establishment.

"Oh, there's a slowdown. A year and a half ago things were moving around the clock," he admits. "Then, Bingo, a lot of people got hurt. But it's the speculators that have been slowed down and I think rightly so."

"There's millions of dollars

worth of equipment at the end of the road. The people who own it may be hurt. But it may be they could come out of it in an even better position for the wait. They're ready to move when things get moving again."

Safeway is building a \$750,000 market on the outskirts of Fairbanks and putting \$275,000 into expansion of its downtown store. McDonald's Hamburgers plans to build. Walter Hickel more than doubled the capacity of his Fairbanks Traveler's Inn this summer and the manager reports business, "much better

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## New ALS Director—

### Wolfe Picked to Head 20 Attorneys

Where is Alaska Legal Services going in the next few years? What villages will get resident attorneys? Where will they expand?

All of these questions concern David Wolfe, new executive director for the public service law firm which begins this year at the largest law firm in Alaska—with over 20 staff attorneys scattered through Alaska.

Wolfe, who has been with ALS for just under two years—first as supervising attorney in

Fairbanks and then as Deputy Director—was chosen as executive director during the quarterly board meeting of Alaska Legal Services last week in Fairbanks.

In an interview with the TUNDRA TIMES last week, Wolfe emphasized the opening of new Alaska Legal Services offices in Nome and Bethel in July as the first steps of a new trend in ALS organization. The firm hopes to expand to other central villages as their money and

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