

Jack Coghill gives Wally Hickel a thumbs-up signal at the Hotel Captain Cook Tuesday night.

First appointments: Hodel, Turpin

by Soren Wuerth and Alexandra J. McClanahan for the Tundra Times

Wally Hickel and a throng of supporters burst through the double doors and onto the floor of Election Central at the Egan Convention Center early Wednesday morning,

moments after returns showed he had a comfortable lead in the race for governor over Democrat Tony Knowles.

Hickel's campaign was short, starting Sept. 19 when Jack Coghill switched from running for licutenant governor under Republican Party candidate Arliss Strugulewski

to join Hickel in the Alaska Independence Party.

Hickel and Coghill ended up convincing at least 66,942 people - 39 percent of those who cast votes to choose the Alaska Independence Party for the governor's race.

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Subsistence regs criticized

by Geoff Kennedy for the Tundra Times

BETHEL — People offered general rather than specific criticism of federal subsistence regulations during the Nov. 1 hearing in Bethel.

The United States doesn't have any right to regulate subsistence because the nation illegally purchased Alaska from Russia, said Jackson Lomack of the Akiachak-based Yupiit Nation. The Alaska Supreme Court violated the 1980 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act and the Anti-Genocide Act, Lomack said.

The federal government should consider that urban hunters outnumber rural hunters three to one in Alaska, said Kriska Evans, originally from Sleetmute. Therefore, it's unfair for people to claim a rural subsistence preference violates the equal rights of urban Alaskans, Evans said.

The Alaska Supreme Court declared

the rural subsistence preference portion of the state law unconstitutional late last year.

Urban Alaskans killed so many moose on state highways they had to hunt rural Alaska moose, Evans said.

Myron Naneng, president of the Association of Village Council Presidents, didn't think much of the temporary regulations the federal government set up when it took over

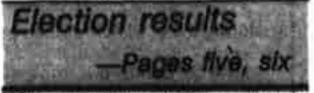
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Fund approved; marijuana to be recriminalized

Alaska voters approved the two initiatives on the General Election Ballot Tuesday, one which calls for creation of a budget reserve fund and one which recriminalizes the use of marijuana.

The budget reserve fund won by a wide margin with 66.2 percent of the voters in favor of it - 110,441 - and 33.7 percent opposed to it - 56,327. according to unofficial results with 425 of the 438 precincts reporting in.



Supporters of the initiative said it is the first step Alaskans could take to effectively control state spending. It calls for revenues from mineral or oil and gas legal settlements and administrative proceedings to be deposited into the budget reserve fund.

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