

# ● Hammond views reapportionment

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design. In the senate, we could require an individual to live in one of the constitutional districts in order to run for a seat, but allow for the required number of voters by holding elections at large.

"We would have one house of the state legislature which would be obligated to serve the broader statewide interest. That might be very healthy. That body would be more sensitive to concerns on a statewide basis," the governor added.

Hammond noted that, under

the circumstances, this arrangement might make the best of a bad situation for rural Alaska.

"Consider the alternative," he suggested. "If we don't go that route, we will have 35,000 people in Anchorage controlling both houses. We would be a lot better off. My idea is the only approach meeting the state constitution as well as the Supreme Court mandate."

Hammond indicated that, while the governor has the authority to appoint a reapportionment board and implement a plan, the last reapportionment

plan was challenged in the courts. He thought his plan might also be subject to court challenges, yet he felt it was lawful and would hold up to legal scrutiny.

The Governor, asked whether this was part of his rural platform, or whether he had a rural platform, said, "There are those who feel this (rural interests) has been our whole emphasis. Our programs, such as those in fisheries and schools, have indicated that, not only do we have a rural platform, but that we have also implemented it."

Hammond strongly replied to

a statement by his opponent which was critical of the Republican party stand on the Molly Hootch case, which provides for rural school construction. "I think is any administration has taken action on the Hootch case, it was this administration. We decided to try to resolve the case out of court. I thought it appropriate to try to resolve this. I sympathize with the difficulty and the trauma of having to send kids out-of-state to go to school. The first bond issue in working to settle this case came out of this administration."

Hammond added, "I supported the \$110 million appropriation passed this year for rural school construction. We can point to the record. I think that is a phoney issue."

The Governor also replied to criticism that his administration is dragging its feet in implementing the state hunting and fishing law, and laid the blame for his

veto of half the money appropriated for subsistence in the lap of the legislature. "The resources of the state, by constitutional mandate, are required to be allocated to all the people of the state," Hammond said. "There are some significant hurdles that have to be overcome. It's going to take a period of time to provide for implementation. Let's work together on it, rather than polarize on the issue. I resent the use of the subsistence issue as a political ploy," Hammond said.

Hammond said he supported half the money for the subsistence program in spite of having to trim the budget by \$80 million, and blamed the legislature for the money crunch. "This is a problem of having to prioritize the money available, when the legislature has not provided significant new money to support the programs they've enacted.

## ANS Improves Fairbanks services

On Monday, September 18, the newly completed addition to the Alaska Native Health Center in Fairbanks opened.

Services for ANHS patients will be greatly improved. Five new medical examination rooms have been added. Two new dental operatories and additional dental X-ray equipment should greatly increase dental services at the clinic.

A Patient Educator, Psychiatric Social Worker, and an

additional Public Health Nurse (part-time) focus the Health Center's service on prevention of illness. Dr. Bill James has returned to Fairbanks as Clinical Director.

Environmental health services are now based at the Tanan Chiefs Health Authority offices in the Doyon Building (452-8251).

The office of the Service Unit Director is now at the ANHS Health Center at 1638 Cowles (452-2131).

The Health Center is open Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00

PM. In addition, the Medical Clinic is open on Saturday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please note that the Medical Clinic is no longer open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Please call 452-2131 to make an appointment. This allows you to be seen quicker. Patients with medical emergencies are always seen first.

"Thank you for your patience during the last two years of the expanded clinic construction. Please call or stop by if you have comments or suggestions for improving patient services," said Director Tom Hartrich of the Interior Alaska Service Unit.

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## Young receives Native endorsements

Seven Native leaders from throughout the state have endorsed Congressman Don Young's re-election. The leaders are members of almost all of the 12 Native corporations.

Sam Kito, former President of the AFN and spokesman for the group, said, "We support Don Young because he is very knowledgeable and supportive of the special needs in the rural areas. Too often, urban and rural Alaska clash on certain issues, but Don has always taken a bal-

anced approach. He listens to everyone's concerns and does what he thinks is best for Alaska. His record of accomplishments deserves our support."

Among those endorsing Young are: Sam Kito and Roger Lang, both former AFN Presidents; Oliver Leavitt, treasurer of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation; Eddie Hoffman, board member of the Calista Corporation; John Shively, an executive of the NANA Regional Corporation; Bob Loescher, a member of the Sealaska Corporation; Conrad Mather, of the Tshimshian Tribal Council of Ketchikan, and Tim Wallis, a board member of Doyon, Ltd.

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## Rodey asks

### Young position on Hootch case

Pat Rodey, Democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, has challenged his Republican opponent to make known his position on the GOP plank questioning the Molly Hootch decision.

Rodey said, "My position on state participation in rural school construction is clear. Last session, I voted with a majority of other legislators to appropriate \$110 million for school construction projects throughout the state, including projects in 17 rural communities. In doing so, we were not only abiding by the terms of the state agreement reached out of court, we were finally living up to our responsibility to provide equal educational opportunities to all Alaskan citizens."

The Republican plank referred to is part of the GOP's official campaign platform adopted by convention in Fairbanks earlier this month.

According to Rodey, "Mr. Young was at the convention which adopted this plank, and as one of the ranking statesmen in the Alaska Republican Party, he has an obligation to inform the voters of his position on this controversial and I think discriminatory plank.