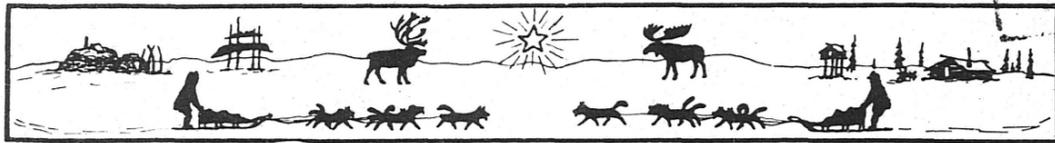


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# HOPSON CHALLENGES VOTE ON NATIVE HOUSING PLANS

## Indian Omnibus Measure Posed for Public Comment

(EDITORS NOTE: In the following statement, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall supports the Indian Resources Development Act, better known as the Indian Omnibus Bill.

Secretary Udall implies that this bill has wide Indian support. "Not true," said the editor of the Navajo Times, published at Window Rock, Arizona.

"The majority of tribes who have publicly taken a position on the bill have opposed it," Editor Chet Mac Rorie asserted.

"Indian leaders have indicated they were in favor of such sections or titles as the revolving loan fund. They do not want the bill passed as a package but request it be broken up into separate bills covering the title contained and hearings be held on each of the separate titles separately.

"In this way they indicate they can reject the bad and accept the good provisions of the legislation and inform Congress of which they want and which they do not want."

Alaskans are being asked to examine this bill carefully in the next few weeks and to write their opinions to their regional Bureau of Indian Affairs office, for transmission to Washington, D.C.

Persons also can write directly to Robert Bennett, Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20242.

A limited number of copies of the bill are available on a first come-first served basis at regional B.I.A. offices. Secretary Udall's statement follows.)



## 'Most Important Legislation Since 1934' Question If New Bill Fits Alaska Natives

By SHEILA TURNER  
Staff Writer

I am today transmitting to the Hill the "Indian Resources Development Act of 1967." I consider this the most important legislation proposed for American Indians since the Wheeler-Howard Act of 1934 which permitted tribes much greater latitude in handling their own affairs.

The main purpose of the bill is to provide Indians with managerial, credit and corporate tools to enable them to participate more fully in American social, economic,

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Alaskan natives are being asked in the next two weeks to take a careful look at the Indian Omnibus bill.

The bill was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives last month by Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, who considers it the most important piece of Indian legislation in 30 years.

Udall has instructed Bureau of Indian Affairs officials to

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...Gen. Birchard Dies

## Gen. Birchard Dies; Moore Takes Command

A special ceremony honored the late Lt. Gen. Glen R. Birchard at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, June 6th.

Following the ceremony, attended by representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Force units in Alaska commanded by General Birchard, his body was flown to Washington, D.C.

A flyover by Elmendorf  
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## Leaders Wary About New Attorney General

Edgar P. Boyko's appointment Tuesday as state attorney general was greeted with less than elation by native leaders around the state.

"The appointment is a continuation of Governor Hickel's plan to strip the natives of their rights," Hugh Nicholls, executive director of the Arctic Slope Native Association, said, at Barrow.

"Natives have no rights as far as Boyko is concerned. The state is already following the policy that Boyko put out. I foresee no great change in it."

Nicholls said he had expected the appointment, but was puzzled as to why Boyko would give up an extremely lucrative law practice for the much lower salary he will receive as attorney general.

State Representative William Hensley at Kotzebue said he was reserving judgement about Boyko. "He's a  
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## Minority Report Sees State Control At Anchorage Meet

Governor Walter J. Hickel yesterday was accused of attempting to control the May 25-26 Anchorage meeting on native housing.

"Nothing the administration didn't want could have passed," Eben Hopson of Barrow charged in a minority report. Official minutes of the meeting have not yet been released.

Hopson referred to the hastily appointed Native

## Health Stations Approved for Minto, Allakaket

WASHINGTON (Special) United States Senate and House of Representatives conferees approved \$190,000 for construction of health stations at Minto and Allakaket, Wednesday.

"Funds for the health stations will enable the Division of Indian Health to bring better medical service to those villages," U.S. Senator E.L. (Bob) Bartlett said.

## Editorial— A Chance for Scrutiny

The scrutiny and study of the Indian Resources Development Act (INDIAN OMNIBUS BILL), has just begun in Alaska. Everyone who is studying this measure, and those who will study it, should realize its profound importance because if it passes, it will have far reaching influence in the lives of Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos all over the United States.

The bill is a complicated one to digest for the average person. However, if studied seriously, a good measure of its clarification can be achieved and questions begin to form in one's mind. Is the bill adequate for Alaska in its present form? Is the ceiling of the loan provision of \$60,000 adequate for Alaska? These are but two of the questions that can be asked and many more can be thought of. Suggestions for revisions can also be thought of.

Obtain the bill. Give it serious study. Think of suggestions and ideas of how it can apply better for Alaska situations. Do these and your efforts may get for you better things in the future.

Housing Task Force, heavily weighted with Republicans, who met with an equal number of state officials to draw up guidelines for use of \$1,000,000 to build native housing.

The funds were slashed from a U.S. House of Representatives bill several weeks ago because the state failed to submit an appropriate plan in time. If the state submits guidelines by July 10th, U.S. Senator E.L. (Bob) Bartlett will attempt to retrieve the funds in the U.S. Senate version of the bill.

Named to the task force were Mrs. Laura Bergt, Ray Christiansen, Andy Demosky, Flore Lekan of, Emil Notti, State Rep. John Sackett, Richard Stitt, State Rep. Jules Wright, Mrs. Lula Young and Hopson.

Unlike the Native Task Force, the state people had an opportunity to brief themselves the day before, Hopson complained. "We don't know what they talked about, but they kept referring to 'the meeting yesterday,'" Hopson

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## Editorial— Interim Need

Much talk is being heard in Alaska about the need for economic development and energetic efforts are being made to make this a reality. Economic development is being heard a great deal also in connection with the native people. This is a very fine idea and the need for it is great. We feel, however, the area where this can be

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