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The tape cuts in. Governor Egan is speaking: "...requires me to reapportion the Alaska legislature following the population guidelines of the 1970 United States census. "The reapportionment process will begin as quickly as possible after receipt of the official report from the Bureau of the Census, as is required by Alaska's constitution.

In the recent election, voters, voted to hold a constitutional convention. Until and unless a court holds otherwise, it is Governor Egan's view that the people have spoken. He shall propose legislation setting out standards and procedures for the call of such a convention. A method for the apportioning for the membership of that convention, in keeping with constitutional standards, will also be submitted.

A new constitutional convention should have, within the timeframe available, adequate consultation and advisory sources. In the legislation, Egan will suggest a group to undertake the planning of the convention and to the power to authorize background studies on state constitutional issues. He will propose legislation that would require full disclosure of campaign expenditures in all elections and procedures to establish maximum limitations of campaign expenditures.

The audience applauds.

The requirements of voter education should be assisted by the state through provisions for public education programs and voter information. Egan will propose legislation to establish a procedure for all state offices so that public decisions will not be tainted by the suspicion of conflict of interest. Selective prohibitions will be laid down for private investments by public offices. No segment of our society has been more skeptical of that society's aspirations to democracy than the youth of our country. Institutional structures work, in practice against youthful participation in the affairs of government. Mechanisms must be designed to encourage participation by Alaska's youth in the decision-making processes of government.

The audience applauds.

Egan will propose legislation providing a procedure for the systematic selection of able young people for service on state boards and commissions. He will ask for funding for a program to engage young people in governmental service with a position for one youth each year in the office of the governor and as special assistants to every commissioner in the state capitol. A youth conservation corps could be another significant institution for the youth. Care must be taken in the design of the program to make sure it is coordinated with the needs of park and recreational development, that it teaches useful skills,

and that it receives maximum federal funding. This program must be planned carefully and it may be prudent to not enact any legislation until the 1972 session.

Egan will be submitting a series of measures for coordinated state economic planning and inflation control. Proposals for a state anti-trust measure have been considered by many legislative sessions. The time has come to adopt this measure.

The audience applauds.

Consumers' protection functions in the state department of commerce will be strengthened and a full-time advisor on consumer affairs will be established.

Funding will be required for a program of intervention before public regulatory bodies which control the rates of public utilities. Egan will advance proposals to strengthen human resource development. Senior citizens should not be neglected. Egan will propose legislation granting him the authority to engage a team of professional actuaries to research all aspects of bolstering the income of Alaskans reaching normal retirement age and living in Alaska. The resulting report will provide recommendations on the feasibility of various approaches attempting to solve the problems of people in fixed incomes. These people should be included in the employment security program. The legislature should consider the pay raise plan just submitted in the annual salary survey that the legislature ordered. There are many more items of legislation that may be considered of importance but which, in the interest of time, are not referred to today. This has been the highlights of the proposals which Egan will submit for consideration.

Egan is aware that many have done extensive research on proposals and programs which are similar to some of the programs that Egan has just proposed. The audience's views will be studied and respected in the shaping of the proposals. Egan hopes the same consideration will be given to his views as the legislature deliberates his proposals.

Egan speaks of the governor's and the legislature's duties to the citizens of Alaska, their separate but complimentary roles, and the cooperation required between them. He says this is a time of unique opportunity for Alaska. He speaks of the management of oil wealth and using the wealth of natural resources to unlock human resources.

The audience applauds.

Egan cautions that every dollar spent must return the maximum benefit to people. This requires continual reexamination of ongoing programs and new proposals. The money spent on programs that are not producing the desired human benefits must be redirected in a way in which it will produce human benefits.

The audience applauds.

Egan says that though the weather has been wintery, it seems to him that the spirit of springtime has filled the state. He speaks of the potential of the new decade. He stresses that collaborations and

cooperation are the key to rendering that potential. He wishes the legislature success, asks them for their help, and assures them of his help.

Egan finishes his speech. The audience applauds.

An announcer says that we have been listening to the state of the state address by Governor Egan in the House of Representatives in the state capitol in Juneau, Alaska. The 20 members of the Senate, equally split between Republican and Democrat, are in the chamber. The 40-membered House are shaking hands with Egan as he departs, escorted by Senator Jerry Miller(?) of Fairbanks and House or Representatives member Eugene Miller(?) of Fairbanks. The galleries are filled.