


Election pamphlets

HOUSE DISTRICT #20
NIILO EMIL KOPONEN
Democrat



RESIDENT ADDRESS: Mile 27th, Chena Ridge
MAILING ADDRESS: SR 10359, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
DATE OF BIRTH: 3/1/28
PLACE OF BIRTH: New York

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CHILDREN: Kajaale, 20; Games, 26; Chena, 24; Heather, 22; Alexander

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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: National Education Association, Farmer's Union, Consumer Co-op, Quaker

SPECIAL INTERESTS: National, education, outdoor, travel, travel

SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE: Community service

STATEMENT:
The spirit of Alaska to work together voluntarily for their mutual benefit, be it urban and professional associations must be strengthened as to the right and privilege for citizens to organize civic, service and non-governmental agencies. We need a government responsive to our needs. Where the government is not responsive to our needs, we need a government that is responsive to our needs. We need a government that is responsive to our needs. We need a government that is responsive to our needs.

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1980 (unsuccessful - areawide)

1982 - opponent Ken Fanning

1984 - opponent Gary Copus

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NIILO EMIL KOPONEN, Democrat




STATEMENT:
I desire to use my skill and experience to continue to represent, as best I can, all the diverse people in District 21 - parents, children, teachers, students, senior citizens, laborers, artists, skilled workers, professionals, business people - so that we all can work together and individually to make Alaska's future.

Continued downward pressure on the price of oil means that Alaska must develop non-fossil strategies to maintain a stable economy and provide the education and public services the people of this state want and deserve. This can only be done if the diverse officials of our state, regular and administrative, work together openly and cooperatively. Alaska can not reform a political "establishment" or "old guard" of special interests in the closing days of the session. My experience during the closing days of last session showed me that we must amend our legislative rules to increase and improve our legislative procedures and come out the 130 day limit. We should include provisions for joint House-Senate working committees on other states have done.

Only in this way can we both meet the challenges that face our state and ensure both confidence and positive productive participation in our political process and our political institutions. Public policy openly and neutrally arrived at in the support of the Alaska people.

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1986 - Gary Copus


1988 - opponent Fred Schikora

1990 - opponent Bev Bennett



You wouldn't find a greater contrast between Niilo and Fred Schikora, though both were UAF graduates. That's about all they had in common. Niilo's response to Fred's accusations of 'naked sauna parties' was "Finns believe in hard work and hot saunas."

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FRED J. SCHIKORA, Republican



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The House Republicans maintained a majority in 1993 when several rural Democratic legislators crossed parties. This drawing of Niilo's shows his view of the effect. In the next House organization, the Dems took over with Dem. Speaker Ben Grussendorf.