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John Havelock

Larry Holmstrum, interviewer on KFRB's Beeline radio show

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With Mike Dalton introducing tape

Larry Holmstrum asks about other candidates running for the United States House position such as Willie Hensley and the incumbent, Don Young. John Havelock said he doesn't anticipate any other candidates planning to run. Larry Holmstrum asked what kind of campaign he plans to run. John Havelock said he doesn't see any problems with the campaign. The interviewer talked about a comment from Willie Hensley that he doesn't talk the average guy's language. John said he talks the way he does and he feels that however he talks that his heart is with the working man. He is a professional advocate and doesn't believe that the language used in legislation is average. He doesn't think there is resentment in the people of Alaska. He is asked if he considers himself an intellectual. John Havelock said that he makes his living is made by the use of words. He considers himself a pragmatic and believes in the value of thinking about what you do. The interviewer asks about the campaign against Don Young. John said he would be filing to run against Don Young. He doesn't believe that you should wage a forceful campaign. Interviewer asks about Watergate. John said if the shoe fits then you ought to wear it. He hopes to convince the people that he would be a better representative. The interviewer asked if Don Young is vulnerable in other areas besides his support for Nixon. John said he believes he is. He believes that Don Young was an accidental candidate and became an accidental representative. The interviewer asked about how aware he is of Washington affairs. John said over the last three years he has spent quite a bit of time in Washington. Question from a caller if he would comment on the "bring home the bacon" mentality. John said some of that is necessary, but he now sees the necessity to protect Alaska's interest in the energy economy. Question from a caller about "another lawyer making laws." John said he is in sympathy with the sentiment, but you can't get away from the fact that laws need to be changed over time. Question from a caller about John's actions when he was attorney general. John said the Marine Mammals Act wasn't adopted with his support. He believed that the state was capable of managing its own game. The caller doesn't think that John and the governor did enough to object to the act. John commented about the thirty day residency issue for voting. Interviewer asked about the local hire laws. John said the Supreme Court of Alaska ruled against a local hire law as to state employment, but there it is not a test for preferential hire as it applies to contracts. Interviewer asked about John's comments about impeachment. John said impeachment only involves removing a person from an office and discusses impeachment. The interviewer asked about Nixon and impeachment. John said he believes that the national leadership depends upon the support of the people to be effective government. He discussed the process for impeachment in the legislature. The interviewer asked if he believes the president should be impeached for lying. John said being dishonest with the public it is a form of misconduct. Question from a caller about private prosecutors. John said he doesn't think special prosecutors work in civil litigation. Question from the caller about restoring capital punishment. John said that it has not been practiced since 1947 in Alaska. He thinks it has to be examined very carefully. He

commented about mandatory life sentences. He thought if the majority of the people don't agree with capital punishment then you may never get a conviction. He commented about short sentences and its deterrent effects. The interviewer talks about a report about court statistics and light sentences. John agreed that the light sentences are reflecting a laxness. John said society doesn't seem to have a solution for chronic alcoholism. Question from a caller about what type of help John would get for the alcohol problem. John said additional support is necessary and he does support the law enforcement assistance program. The interviewer reads the criminal offenses from one chronic alcoholic who once again had his sentence suspended for good behavior. John said unless a long term institutional solution is available the courts are in a difficult position. John made a final comment about becoming an energy efficient country.