Alaska's Senate Contest - Still More Ethical Problems For GOP/Tea Partier Joe Miller . . . Likely Voters Deserting.

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[On October 26th,] the campaign of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski put out a statement last night following release of documents regarding rival candidate Joe Miller's employment at the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The brief statement from Murkowski is as follows:

"Joe tried to brush off his unethical behavior while he was a public servant at the Fairbanks Northstar Borough, calling the issue 'petty.' I believe Alaskans disagree with the severity of his actions and they expect more out of all employees serving in government positions – especially out of someone running for the United States Senate. The bottom line is Joe cheated, he lied, tried to cover it up, lied again, then finally got caught and had to admit it, just as he lied to Alaskans when he initially denied any problems with his employment at the borough, claiming his record was 'exceptional' and 'second to none.'"

—Rod Boyce, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner managing editor

Miller Heavy. We now know conclusively why Senate Tea Party/Republican candidate Joe Miller fought to delay Tuesday's court ordered document dump of relevant portions of his personnel records from his legal work at Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB). The documentary evidence gives the lie to his repeated dodging of the issues about his March 2008 misuse of FNSB computers for political purposes. [For background see TWSA! post of Oct. 20 and Oct. 26.] Will all this actually hurt his chances on November 2nd? I'll take a guess later on.

On the campaign trail, in a toss-up election, Miller repeatedly ducked the questions, particularly whether he had been fired or disciplined for his violations of the FNSB employee Code of Ethics. The documents reveal that he was disciplined, had lied repeatedly to FNSB supervisors, had also abused FNSB's leave policies, but had *not* been dismissed, although the circumstances of his sudden resignation suggest that his termination appeared imminent. [For an excellent report, see here.]