

# ***Hearings on implementation of ANCSA rescheduled***

WASHINGTON—The Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has rescheduled an oversight hearing into implementation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, from April 29 to June 10.

Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, was advised of the change in schedule because the hearing conflicted with other committee business. Gravel asked the committee to conduct the hearing when it became apparent that there were some problems with the implementation of the Settlement Act.

The purpose of the hearing is to give any groups affected by the Act the opportunity to air their concerns before congress about its implementation.

Testimony is expected from representatives of the State of Alaska, Native groups, miners, conservation groups, the Department of the Interior, and others who might be affected by the act.

The Alaska Federation of Natives is coordinating the testimony of Native groups. Others should contact the Interior Committee or the Alaska senators.

Gravel said, "I hope that some of the problems and delays in implementation of terms of the Settlement Act can be worked out by focussing attention on the problems."