

Sitka resident chosen for Senior Citizen Intern Program in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Maxine Brittell of Sitka has been chosen by Sen. Frank Murkowski to participate in the Congressional Senior Citizen Intern Program from May 19th to May 23rd in Washington, D.C.

During their week in Washington, the interns will participate in workshops and panel discussions focusing on issues facing the federal government, including the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget legislation, social security and tax reform. The interns are scheduled to tour the White House, House of Representatives and Senate, in addition to spending time in the offices of their senators and representatives.

Brittell has worked on several programs benefiting Alaska, including the Governor's Council on Employment of the Handicapped. She also worked diligently for the construction of Sitka's airport jetway, making it the first terminal in Alaska to be fully accessible for the handicapped.

"Maxine is an excellent choice for the Senior Citizen Intern Program," Murkowski said. "She is well-respected and very active in community affairs."

Brittell is a member of the Sitka City and Borough Assembly. She was the principle organizer of "Sitkans in Support of Alaska Pulp Corporation." This organization led Sitka's efforts to work with the Environmental Protection Agency to hear the concerns of local industry.

Brittell is an active participant in Chamber of Commerce activities where she frequently serves as Executive Secretary.

Born in the Aleutian Islands, Brittell worked as a postmistress for several years. She is the mother of two children, also born in the Aleutians.

She later settled in Sitka where she worked until retirement as an administrative officer at Public Health Services Hospital.
