

Hathaway Nods to Rev. Sharing

Interior Secretary Nominee Stanley K. Hathaway told Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, Wednesday, the question of revenue sharing by the federal government with coastal states on Outer Continental Shelf development will be one of his "top priorities" if confirmed.

The former Wyoming governor visited Gravel's office at the senator's invitation, to discuss Alaskan issues which would come before him as Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Hathaway assured Gravel he was "in sympathy" with his views on revenue sharing. Gravel has introduced legislation to distribute 37 1/2 per cent of revenues derived from Outer Continental Shelf leasing to adjacent coastal states to pay for the impacts created by the development.

Hathaway said that including coal producing states under the revenue sharing provision might be a way of mustering enough congressional support for passage.

The two discussed state

participation in planning and decision-making regarding federal land and resource use in Alaska. Gravel explained that the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission has developed a format for this kind of planning.

Hathaway had responded previously in writing to questions Gravel addressed to him through the Senate Interior Committee which has been conducting hearings on his confirmation.

The former Wyoming governor said he has never been to Alaska and looks forward to making the trip.

Gravel told Hathaway that he will support his confirmation. The Interior Committee recessed hearings on Hathaway's

confirmation Tuesday.

The committee's next executive session is scheduled next Wednesday when a vote on the nomination may come, according to committee sources. ved to be a