

# Law Would Improve Firefighting

Fire fighting in Alaska will be on a much firmer basis from here on out if a bill recently passed by the Senate becomes law, Senator Ted Stevens said.

"Fires take a serious toll in property and wildlife in Alaska and more effective means of dealing with them are a welcome development," Alaska's senior Senator said.

The bill, which was reported out of the Senate Interior Com-

mittee, of which Stevens is a member, will permit the Secretary of Interior to make fire fighting contracts for several years running without waiting for the passage of annual appropriations measures.

"This will allow the Bureau of Land Management to plan and coordinate its fire fighting activities in Alaska for several years in advance," Stevens said.