

# Taiwan to initiate study of state coal

At the request of Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski, the chairman of Taiwan Power Co. will initiate a study regarding the use of Alaska's sub-bituminous coal in one of the company's coal-fired units in Taiwan.

Murkowski said the study could lead to the annual purchase of about 800,000 tons of Alaska coal by Taiwan, which he said would create hundreds of jobs for Alaskans and add a substantial cash flow into the United States.

Taiwan coal-burning plants are now equipped to burn bituminous coal, Murkowski said.

Taiwan officials said because of their concern over how the sub-bituminous coal would affect their environment, the firm will purchase two shipments of Alaska's coal in the summer of 1987 for trial use and study.