

Senate Urges National Indian Policy

The Senate this week unanimously urged the creation of a new National Indian Policy.

The action came in the form of a Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 11) which was cosponsored by Senator Gruening and which passed the Senate on September 12th.

The resolution noted that "the complete solution of Indian problems will require new and innovative services for the full development of Indian and Alaska Native people and their communities."

It further promised that "necessary technical guidance and assistance will be given to insure future economic independence; that continued efforts will be directed to maximum development of natural resources; that inadequate and substandard housing and sanitation will be corrected; that a comprehensive health program incorporating and assuring curative and preventive physical and mental health will be further developed for Indian and Alaska Natives; and that a long-term general, vocational, technical, and professional education program will be encouraged and developed for both old and young American Indians and Alaska Natives so that they may share fully in our society."