

Aim of Bill, Cargo To Hawaii to Alaska

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Mike Gravel Thursday introduced an amendment to the Jones Act which would permit marine cargo traffic between Alaska and Hawaii.

Senator Gravel said the two

states "have long suffered under certain restrictions imposed by the Merchant Marine Act of 1920."

the act prohibits the transportation of merchandise in foreign bottoms between two points in the United States.

"Alaska is increasingly becoming an exporting State," Senator Gravel said, "and in the energy fuels area this movement might in certain cases be accelerated by relaxing the restriction."

Senator Gravel also introduced a bill amending the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act to permit donations of certain kinds of surplus federal property to State fish and game agencies.

The bill presently permits donations to State education agencies, health, library and civil defense agencies only. A companion bill was introduced earlier by Representative Patsy Mink of Hawaii.