

# Gravel Criticizes Inequitable Airline Fares to and from Alaska

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska has criticized what he sees as inequitable airline fares for travel to and from Alaska and within the state itself. The Senator made the remarks in a recent statement in the Senate.

Various discounts, such as those for families, for excursion tours, for night travel fares, and

for promotional purposes are not available for Alaska travel on the same basis as they are on other routes, he added.

Gravel said he has begun to investigate the situation and that he plans to pursue the issue "in an attempt to secure for Alaskans and Alaska visitors the opportunities and advantages offered to other travelers on comparable air routes."

He noted that the Civil Aeronautics Board had already advised him that the establishment of reduced fare rates was entirely a matter for the individual airlines, not for the CAB.

In summary, the Senator

said, "I do not feel that the principle of equity and fairness characterize the rates, routes, and service available to Alaska."

He added: "In no case should there be any trace of the philosophy that Alaskans will put up with inferior service

and inequitable treatment. That may be a vestige of some other day. It surely has no place in anyone's thinking today."