

Senate field hearings on forestry practices

WASHINGTON—Senate Field Hearings on forestry practices in Southeast Alaska have received the approval of Sen. Herman Talmadge, D-GA, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

Hearings are tentatively scheduled for Ketchikan, Sitka and Juneau in August.

In addition to the forestry hearings in Southeast Alaska, agriculture hearings are planned

for Palmer.

In a letter to the chairman of the subcommittee on agriculture production, marketing, and stabilization prices, Walter Huddleston, D-KY, Talmadge said "that Alaska has some unique problems in both agriculture and forestry and that these problems are worthy of the attention of the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry."

While in Alaska, the committee plans to hear testimony on operation, management problems and land use conflicts related to timber harvests in the Tongass National Forest.

Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, plans to join members of the committee for the hearings and site inspections in Southeast Alaska.

Huddleston plans to conduct agriculture hearings in Palmer. Those hearings would focus on the agriculture potential of

Alaska and include an examination of controlled environment experiments and the agriculture projects underway at the experimental station in the Matanuska Valley.