

# Appropriations

The Senate approved the Public Works and Atomic Energy Commission Appropriation Bill for fiscal 1968, last Tuesday, which includes \$50,000 to complete the Corps of Engineers's report on Rampart Dam; \$4,700,000 for the Snettisham Power Project; \$170,000 for Old Harbor, a small boat harbor on Kodiak Island; and a substantial increase over the budget for flood control studies.

Noting the inclusion of \$50,000 for the Rampart Dam report, Senator Ernest Gruening (D-Alaska) said "Rampart is by no means dead."

This amount earmarked under special studies was added by the Senate Appropriations Committee with Senator Gruening's strong support. It was not included in the House bill.

The \$9,336,000 for flood control studies included in the bill, H.R. 11641, was a substantial increase over the budget request of \$8,807,000 and the House amount of \$8,937,000.

Senator Gruening expressed the hope that \$50,000 of the increased amount can be used by the Corps to complete the revised Chena River flood control study which has to be revised following the disastrous Fairbanks area flood.

Of special interest to Southeastern Alaskans is the \$4,700,000 for the Snettisham Power Project. The Corps of Engineers informed Senator Gruening that site clearing has been underway for six months.

Housing has also been built. The target date for power to be generated is 1972.