

# \$6 million for Alaska sewer projects

WASHINGTON—The public works jobs bill, repassed by Congress over the President's veto, contains approximately \$6 million in additional funds for Alaska sewer projects.

Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, who voted to override the veto, supported an amendment included in the bill when it passed the Senate earlier, to provide the additional funds for the Alaska projects through the Environmental Protection Agency.

Alaska would receive another \$3.4 million of the funds authorized for distribution to state and local governments across the nation to help them maintain their existing levels of services and employment without raising taxes or reducing their work forces.

The Alaska lawmaker said that the bill would help to provide jobs in small Alaskan communities where jobs are

limited, to develop the vitally needed sewage facilities. "This is simply an example of the types of public works that can help Alaska and the nation put the unemployed to work on useful projects," Gravel noted.

The Senate voted 73 to 24 on Wednesday to override the veto, followed by House action July 22 by a vote of 310 to 96 was passed into law.