

Bartlett Optimistic About Housing Bill

Senator E. L. Bartlett expects the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which he is a member, to consider and act favorably upon the \$1 million appropriation for the Alaska Native Housing Program authorized two years ago.

"I have no doubt that the Senate committee will approve this vital program for Alaska. Last year the Senate committee approved \$1 million for the Native Housing Bill, recognizing the great need of many native Alaskans for decent housing. Unfortunately, the House did not view this great need with such sympathy and refused to approve the money," he stated.

On May 3, several weeks

after Senator Bartlett had appeared before the House subcommittee which considered the Native Housing appropriation, the full House Appropriations Committee reported favorably on the \$1 million to initiate the Alaska Native Housing Program which has been authorized for a total of \$10 million.

The next step along the legislative trail is consideration, and expected approval, of this measure by the House of Representatives. This would clear the way for Senate action.