Sen. Bartlett Suffers Heart Lining Ailment

Pleuro-pericarditus, inflammation of the heart lining, hospitalized Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett of Alaska during the last weekend and this week in Washington, D. C.

Before he was taken to Georgetown University Hospital in the nation's capitol, Bartlett suffered pains in his chest and was thought to have suffered a heart attack.

Dr. Alan Weintraub, a heart

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specialist, later diagnosed the ailment as the inflammation of the heart lining. It is believed this was caused by a virus.

The Senator also suffered irregular heart beat at the initial stages but this has

stabilized to normal.

Bartlett is continuing to improve and his convalescence is expected to be of shorter duration than if he had suffered actual heart attack.