

Sen. Jackson to Hold Land Hearings Feb. 8

Sen. Henry M. Jackson of the State of Washington will conduct a land claims hearing in Anchorage on February 8-9-10, it was learned this week as announced by Sen. Ernest Gruening in the Cook Inlet city.

Gruening, along with himself, indicated that Senators Quentin Burdick, D-N.D., Paul Fannin, R-Ariz., and Frank E. Moss, D-Utah, will also attend the hearings.

There are, in reality, three bills pending before Congress. One is the Department of Interior bill that calls for about a nine-mile square area of land around villages

and which calls for special hunting, fishing and trapping rights on federal lands for a period of 25 years.

It also calls for some compensation for lands lost to native people.

The second bill, one that was drawn up by Alaska Federation of Native Associations, is the S-2020 but which has been held on to by the Judiciary Committee. It was thought that since it was being held by that committee, testimony on it might not be possible.

Then late last month, Sen. E. L. Bartlett introduced

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another bill, S-2690. This bill is said to be similar to the native bill and it was referred to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

This procedure, it was conjectured, would enable the native people to give testimony similar to the one they would have made on S-2020.

The hearing in Anchorage, and possibly others at different dates, is expected to attract widespread attention throughout Alaska.