

Brief Land Hearings Slated For July 11-12 in Washington

Sen. Ernest Gruening this week arranged that the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs under the

chairmanship of Sen. Henry Jackson of the State of Washington will hold hearings in Washington, D.C. on Friday July 12 on Alaska native land claims legislation.

Gruening arranged these hearings to follow by one day, hearing that will be held by the Indian Affairs Subcommittee, subcommittee of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives.

Rep. James A. Haley of Florida is chairman of that committee.

The House hearing will be held in Washington on Thursday July 11.

Sen. Gruening maneuvered the arrangement so that the same people who will be going to Washington can be heard on single trip by committees of both Houses.

Most of the testimony at these hearings is expected to center around S 3586

which was introduced on June 4 by Sen. Jackson at the request of the Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall who drafted it and sent to the hill.

"However," Sen. Gruening said, "witnesses may expound on views expressed three months ago in Anchorage at hearings held by the senate committee on other pending Alaska native land claims bills."

The bills in question were introduced by Sen. Gruening.

In a wire from his office, Congressman Howard W. Pollock said that House hearings on the native land claims will be held before Interior and Insular Affairs Committee Thursday, July 11, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 1324, Longworth House Office Building.

"Due to limited time," Congressman Pollock said, "number of witnesses should not exceed six."