

Direct Service Sought for Kodiak, Chain

A resolution calling for direct air service between Kodiak and the Aleutian Chain unanimously passed the State Senate Wednesday.

The resolution, introduced by Senator Kay Poland, (D) Kodiak, points out that in order to travel to points on the Aleutian Chain, Kodiak residents must first fly to Anchorage for connecting flights, in some cases, almost doubling the distance required for the trip.

Senator Poland said, "The need for this service is tremendous, when you take into account the people who need to use it in both directions."

"Kodiak is the site of the Regional High School for the Chain and offers the nearest medical and dental facilities to many Alaskan residents on the Chain," she added.

The resolution calls attention to the fact that Kodiak is the headquarters for the State Troopers and the Department of Fish and Game which serves the Aleutian Islands.

Senator Poland said she is "gratified" and the resolution passed the Senate "without a dissenting vote" and expressed the hope that, when it passed the House, it will have a "strong influence on the officials in Washington."

The resolution is to be sent to the President, the CAB and to other officials in the nation's capital as well as to all members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.