

Sen. Gruening Criticizes Rep. Pollock

Senator Ernest Gruening while visiting the annual conference of the Alaska Federation of Natives in Anchorage, tacked a partial blame on Rep. Howard Pollock for the failure of passage of the \$1 million earmarked for native housing in Alaska.

Gruening said it was true that Pollock was only one man in over 400-man House but that the Alaska's representative should make it his business to be present when bills important to Alaska are being legislated and talk for them.

In a televised talk to conference delegates, Gruening said that Senator Henry Jackson has promised to hold hearings on land claim bills.

The land hearing is expected to be in Anchorage shortly after Congress adjourns and Gruening said interested parties could come.

"Pros and cons can argue—pros and cons will be heard," he said.

He said if hearings are needed in other places like Barrow, Nome and Kotzebue, and possibly other places, these might be made available if possible.