Only Compromise Bill May Pass

Senators Ted Stevens and Mike Gravel believe that only a compromise between the AFN's and Interior Department's position can pass the Senate.

Their plan calls for a \$500 million cash grant from the federal government, plus \$500 million more derived from a 2 per cent royalty on state and federal oil lands in Alaska.

The royalty payments would cease as soon as a total of \$500 million had accrued.

The compromise would also give the Natives a land settlement of 10 million to 12 million acres and surface rights to about 35 million acres.