

# Sen. Stevens And Oldtimers

Senator Stevens has introduced an amendment favoring the country's senior citizens, allowing them to receive the full amount of both a longevity bonus and assistance from the federal government to the aged, blind and disabled.

Senator Stevens said currently anyone receiving longevity bonuses, such as those provided by Alaska, consequently receives a smaller amount of federal aid.

"Because of the harsh climate and high cost of living, many Alaskans found their retirement insufficient to meet their needs in Alaska and were forced to move to the lower 48," said Senator Stevens.

Continued the Senator, "The bill I am introducing would make it possible for the senior citizens of Alaska and of any other state where a program such as the longevity bonus is in effect to realize the benefits of such programs without losing or reducing their entitlements to public assistance programs."