

# Bill approved by panel calls for alcohol abuse grants

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A bill which would provide a grant program for community based mental health projects was passed Thursday by the Select Committee on Indian Affairs, according to Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, a co-sponsor of the bill and a member of the committee.

The Indian Mental Health Demonstration Grant Program would provide three-year grants to Indian and

Native organizations for the establishment of innovative, community based mental health programs including those for alcohol and substance abuse. Grants would be under \$1 million.

Murkowski said at least one grant, and perhaps more, would go to Alaska.

The bill will now go to the Senate floor for consideration.