

Bartlett Stresses Polar Bear Study Would Aid Man

Senator E. L. (Bob) Bartlett last Thursday called for an international technical meeting on the polar bear "because I am determined to see that the polar bear does not follow the buffalo into extinction."

In a speech on the Senate floor the Senator pointed out that no one knows for sure how many polar bear there are or how many are killed each year.

"Scientists know very little about the habits or habitat" of the bear said the Senator, in letters to the Secretaries of State and Interior has proposed that the United States call a meeting of scientists from the circumpolar nations — including the Soviet Union — to pool what is known and to coordinate future efforts to expand this knowledge.

"Such a meeting, such a census,

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would be of value in itself. In its way, however, in its small way, this cooperation would benefit far more than the polar bear. It would benefit man.

"It would provide another way for the Soviet Union and the United States to come together and to work together in a common cause. Surely, there can be no objection to that from any rational man working in the cause of peace," said the Senator.