

Egan Protests CAB Suspension Of WA Route

JUNEAU — Gov. William A. Egan has entered a protest against the Civil Aeronautics Board's suspension of Western Airlines' special "triangle" fare between Alaska and the West Coast by way of Hawaii.

The special rate, offering a side trip to Hawaii at minimal cost, was temporarily suspended by the CAB recently.

Egan told CAB Chairman Robert Timm in a telegram that the effect of the suspension "is to deprive Alaskans of any reasonably affordable air connection with their sister state of Hawaii."

He also said that Americans in the Lower 49 "enjoy any number of special airline fares to various holiday and vacation locales" while the special rate to Hawaii "has been the single fare of this type available to Alaskans."

Egan called the CAB's action "definitely adverse" to Alaskan interests. "I strongly and urgently request that this matter be re-opened for a new hearing," he told Timm.