

High Court refuses

The United State Supreme Court refused Monday to overrule the Court of Appeals decision which held that the Department of the Interior cannot issue a permit to the Aleyska Pipeline Service Co. granting a wider right-of-way than the Mineral Leasing Act allows.

The Supreme Court refusal throws the burden onto the United States Congress whom must either revise the 1925 Act or pass legislation which will allow special provisions for the trans-Alaska pipeline.

Senator Ted Stevens said the Supreme Court ruling would mean that construction will not begin this year, and may not even get underway next season.