

# Bartlett Seeks Implementation Of 'Staff Study'

WASHINGTON— Following up on a special study of federal employment practices involving Alaska natives, Senator E. L. Bartlett has scheduled a series of meetings with administration officials to discuss implementation of the study's recommendations.

The study, made by the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska, found that while Alaska native people make up one-fifth of the state's population, they held less than one-tenth of the jobs.

Bartlett told the Senate that the unemployment rate among native people was "a staggering 60 per cent."

In a letter to seven federal departments, Bartlett wrote, "If every agency and department active in Alaska were to

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follow the recommendations of the Field Committee, and there is no reason why this cannot be done, we can move far toward the esteemable goal of equal employment opportunity for federal jobs in Alaska."

Bartlett said that employment of natives in and out of government had long been one of his major interests. Because of that interest he had taken a special note of the field committee's report.

The Senator asked the secretaries of the departments to name representatives to meet with him to discuss the report.

"As far as I am concerned," he wrote, "there need be no time lost in this regard and I therefore request that the meeting be held at an early date."

Bartlett wrote the secretaries of Defense, Transportation, Commerce, Interior, Treasury and Health, Education, and Welfare and the Postmaster General.

The field committee study recommended all federal agencies:

To review their equal employment opportunity programs.

To modify those programs to bring about higher levels of native employment.

To establish target levels of minority employment by June 30.