

Senate Committee Cancels Trip

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA — The U.S. Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee tour of Alaska, scheduled for August 6-13, has been cancelled due to conflicts in Senator's schedules and uncertain dates for the Senate recess.

The Senators and Committee staff were scheduled to visit Anchorage, Northway, Fairbanks, Ft. Yukon, Prudhoe Bay, Barrow, Point Hope, Kotzebue, Shungnak, Nome, Bethel, and Iliamna in their review of the "National Interest Lands" set aside by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

The withdrawal of up to 80 million acres of land from the public domain was authorized by

the Settlement Act for inclusion in the National Park, National Forest, and the Fish and Wildlife Service management systems.

The Commission has made recommendations on the uses of

those lands withdrawn by the Secretary of the Interior. Interior. Congress must act on the Department of the Interior proposals for the 80 million acres by 1978.