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Senator Bartlett Sets Hearings On Pribilofs

Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett is scheduled to hold hearings tomorrow on St. Paul Island regarding his proposed legislation to ensure that residents of the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea full rights of citizenship.

The legislation provides for several major reforms, chief of which is a provision whereby for the first time the Pribilovians would be allowed to own land, houses, and property.

It also provides for the State of Alaska to assume the responsibility for conducting public schools on the islands.

An archaic regulation making a pass necessary to visit the islands would be eliminated, and another provision would give the Pribilovians civil service retirement for their length of service than just from 1950.