

Ernest Gruening is an acknowledged pace-setter in the U. S. Senate.

In a recent book on our national government, author Stewart Alsop rated Gruening as one of a handful of "very able" Senators.

No one who knows of Senator Gruening's record and accomplishments is surprised by the rating. It is the latest in a long list of tangible proofs of the esteem in which he is held by our national leaders.

Gruening the Senator

Students of the Congress often rate a legislator's worth by the committee assignments he receives. They know that the efficient and effective Senators get the vital assignments. By this rating, Ernest Gruening ranks high indeed.

He sits on three major Senate committees: Interior and Insular Affairs, Public Works and Government Operations. He is chairman of three important subcommittees, all of which directly bear on Alaskan interests.

As Chairman of the Minerals, Materials and Fuels Subcommittee, Senator Gruening secured the passage of legislation liberalizing tax deductions for mining exploration expenditures. As the newly appointed Chairman of the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Senator Gruening is in an excellent position to press for the rapid economic development of all of Alaska. As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Aid Expenditures he obtained the passage by the Senate of his bill giving State surplus property agencies priority over foreign countries in the selection of excess Federal property.

But Committee work is only part of the Gruening story. Ernest Gruening believes in direct action on Alaska's and the nation's behalf. He keeps in close contact with Federal agencies to keep Alaska projects moving. His expertise and wisdom are valued at the White House and by his colleagues in the Senate. And, of course, his experience and knowledge help to shape the legislation considered on the floor of the Senate.

All of this combines to make Senator Gruening a uniquely valuable representative in Washington of Alaska's needs and aspirations.



Senator Gruening keeps in close touch with Federal agencies that deal with Alaska problems. Gruening is known as a champion of Federal employees and veterans.



Senator Gruening meets with Alaska lumber officials who came to Washington protesting the export of unprocessed logs.



As a subcommittee chairman, Senator Gruening presides over a Senate hearing, assisted by his Legislative Director, Herb Beaser.



Senator Gruening places great stress on personal contact with the government officials who can handle the problems of individual Alaskans . . . and he sees to it that Alaskans get their "day in court" on all occasions when matters of interest to the State come before the Senate.