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Mike Gravel

Announcement for Senate election

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Mike Gravel is responding to questions from the public on an unidentified television program. Question about the location of the new federal building in Anchorage. Mike Gravel said the announcement was scheduled for tomorrow and the decision was the one chosen by the city council. A question about statements in Gravel's book. Mike Gravel said he did co-author the National Environmental Protection Act and it was his amendment that brought about the pipeline. He comments about interstate commerce. A question about breaking the monopoly of oil companies. Mike Gravel said not at this time, but eventually he hopes a study will take place. A question about extending veteran's benefits for education. Mike said he supported the legislation and he is optimistic about it passing. A question about the income tax in the United States. Mike said that he would like a tax reform package and the creation of a single tax. A question about the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Act. Mike said he voted for it when it passed through the Senate. He is concerned about safety on the job and it is necessary to have standards at work. A question about impeaching Nixon. Mike said that he will be acting as a juror and he hopes to study the facts and make a moral judgment. A question about gun control. Mike said that he is opposed to control and has voted against it in congress. A question about his voting record in Congress. Mike Gravel said he has voted about two-thirds of the time. He said most of the important things that happen are done during committee time. A question about extending the mile limit for fishermen from other countries. Mike Gravel talked about the 200 mile limit that Senator Magnuson, Ted Stevens and he has co-authored. He has called upon the administration to see if that law is passed that it will be implemented. He talked about embargoes on countries that violate the law. Question about the Pentagon papers. Mike said that he believed that the people needed to know what went wrong. He talked about the conflict in the southeast squandering money and that was why public buildings were not being built. Question about Forest Service multiple use plans. Mike said that before sales can take place a study must be made to determine if excessive depletion of a natural resource will take place. He hopes NEPA will prove adequate in this regard. Question about the bill which would eliminate tax deductions for certain charitable contributions. Mike said there is no bill like this that has passed through the house and he would oppose that kind of legislation. Question about the military losing their cost of living allowance. Mike said that he is concerned about this problem and he has been opposed to activities by the Department of Defense to change cost of living allowances. He feels they need to have a hearing before any changes. Question about his decision to leave the interior committee in favor of the finance committee. He considers the finance committee the most important committee. He was surprised to be criticized for making this change. He talked about being able to introduce an amendment for the senate vote for the pipeline because he was on the finance committee. He talked about the importance of being on the finance committee for Alaska. Question about the relocation of the capital of Alaska. Mike said he is opposed to the move. There are so many other priorities in the state of Alaska. He said that transportation to Juneau has improved. Question about his appearance at the

people's party meeting in Texas. Mike said a lot of the views that he spoke about at the meeting were in opposition to the people's party's views. Question about pay raises and cost of living allowances. Mike said he didn't have an answer and he will find out why it didn't take place. Question about the labor needed to build the pipeline and what will Alaska do with all the labor after the pipeline is finished. Mike said the construction will last for about three years and he expects a gas line to be built also. He said it will be an economic problem and the business community should be anticipating the change. He talked about the federal buildings to be built in Anchorage and Fairbanks. He talked about a possible hydroelectric construction project. Question about national health insurance. Mike said there are about twenty bills in congress at this time. He will support a health bill that includes the private sector.