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Radio recordings about legislation on the Alaska pipeline

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The tape starts with a radio announcement from KFRB about the 49-48 vote in the United States Senate to approve the immediate start of the trans-Alaska pipeline. Vice-president Spiro Agnew made the deciding vote on the legislation. There was successful legislation for a new law (the Jackson Bill) to change the size of the pipeline right-of-way on public land. The key argument was the energy crisis and the need to get the oil flowing. The Stevens-Gravel amendment was passed. The amendment was designed to stop any further environmental delays on the pipeline. A spokesperson from the Sierra Club said there would likely be a court review on the decision. The United States House still needed to vote on the bill. Excerpts of KFRB and KFAR radio reports are recorded.

Quotes from various Alaska politicians about the success of the pipeline vote are read including Representative Don Young, and Senators Stevens and Gravel. Canadian reactions to the senate vote were also reported.