

Stevens' Bill Would Allow Food Stamps for Ammunition

Senator Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) has introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate to expand the use of food stamps for subsistence hunters.

"Many Alaskans are out of reach of stores and cold storage,

explained Stevens. "As a group, these are the very people who have the least money and who are most limited in ways to earn it. They have traditionally lived off the land, and ammunition is more important to their

survival than cash."

The unique needs of certain rural Alaskans have already been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, which allows them to buy rifle and shotgun ammunition through the mail.