

# Stevens Bill Paves Release Of T-H Funds

At the request of the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indians, Alaska Senator Ted Stevens has introduced legislation to authorize the release of funds estimated to be over \$7 million awarded them in a 1968 judgement.

Currently, subject to legislation before they can be released, the funds are presently being held on deposit in accounts in the U.S. Treasury bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.

Senator Stevens said, "The needs of the Tlingit and Haida people are critical. It is their judgement that these funds should be made available to promote their economic and social advancement. I agree and urge that early consideration be given to the legislation I have introduced to make this money available."

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The program planning committee of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians proposed plans for the use of the judgement funds in November, 1969. The plans were approved by the Executive committee, were reviewed, and supplemented during a meeting of the Central Council.

"I believe the conditions subject to release have been met and see no reason for these funds to be withheld from the Tlingit and Haida people any longer," Senator Stevens said.