

ANCSA amendments

House panel OKs 1991 bill

WASHINGTON — The House Interior Committee last week unanimously approved a package of amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, according to Congressman Don Young, R-Alaska.

The legislation, which is expected to be considered by the full House later this month, is sponsored by Young.

Under the terms of the original act, corporate shares in Alaska Native corporations become fully alienable in

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1991. As this deadline draws near, there has been concern among Alaska Natives that the unrestricted sale of stock could result in the loss of lands conveyed under the act.

Young's bill, HR 278, provides for the continuation of restrictions contained in ANCSA, unless an individual Native corporation takes actions to eliminate or modify the sale restrictions. Dissenter's rights are provided where the corporation elects to con-

tinue stock restrictions.

In addition to clarification of corporate share ownership rights, the bill provides for land ownership protections.

"Both sides of the tribal government question want changes in the bill," Young said.

"Respectively, I say that tribes and governments are not part of this bill. It deals with private land and ownership choices of private landowners. We should not risk land protection over the question of government."