

Sea Mammal Bill Goes to Senate

The Ocean Mammals bill has been reported to the Senate from the Commerce Committee.

Senator Steven's amendment was included in the bill and, in effect, permits Alaskan Natives to hunt for subsistence, sell meat and edible parts of mammals, and make arts and crafts and clothing.

"While I am grateful that Senator Hollings has tried to

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reach a satisfactory solution for Alaskans who depend on ocean mammals for their very existence, I am, nevertheless, filing a minority report in an effort to overcome the actions of well-meaning but uninformed persons who are attempting to place harsh and unbearable restrictions on our Alaskan Natives," Stevens said.