

Gov. Appoints Stevens to Fill Senate Seat

In one of Alaska's most anticipated events, Gov. Walter J. Hickel last Monday quieted the qualms of many of his fellow Alaskans by appointing Ted Stevens to finish out the unexpired term of the late and beloved Sen. E.L. (Bob) Bartlett.

Ted Stevens, an Anchorage attorney and who is considered a liberal Republican, has served the past two years as the majority leader in the State House of Representatives.

He has served four years in the House. He has tried twice for the seat in the U.S. Senate both times unsuccessfully. His latest attempt was this year when he was defeated for nomination by the Anchorage banker, Elmer Rasmuson.

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He has served as a federal attorney in Fairbanks and has served as a solicitor for the Department of the Interior during the second half of the Eisenhower administration.

Ted Stevens beat out such men as State Sen. John Butrovich of Fairbanks; Sen. Carl Brady who, along with Butrovich, were considered as two front runners for the greater part of appointment speculation.

Other men considered were Robert A. Davenny, Republican State Chairman, Sen. Brad Phillips, Sen. Lowell Thomas, Jr. Elmer Rasmuson, and a few others.

Stevens is enjoying a general approval of his fellow Republicans in the state.

As the majority leader in the state House, Ted Stevens carried the weight of most of the governor's programs in the House during 1967 and 1968.

He will serve out the remaining two years of Sen. Bartlett's unexpired term. He will probably run for election in the special election to be held in the 1970 political campaigns.