

Senate vote on 1991 disappoints Alaska Native Coalition members

The Alaska Native Coalition was "very disappointed" with the Senate vote last week to approve proposed 1991 amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Spokeswoman Dalee Sambo said ANC does not support the Senate version of the bill for a number of reasons, including the fact that it does not contain a "qualified transferee entity" provision, which would

authorize the transfer of corporate assets to tribal governments.

"We were somewhat encouraged by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye's comments with respect for the need for neutrality on the issue of sovereignty in this legislation," Sambo said.

She said ANC officials will continue to pursue their legislative goals as the bill is in conference committee.