

CONTROVERSIAL HAUL ROAD — Republicans didn't win many points with Natives during the state convention when the GOP adopted a resolution calling for full public access to the north slope haul road. Another plank in the platform asked a legal challenge to the Molly Hootch case, the settlement of which provides for construction of rural schools. Native groups, legislators and leaders have opposed the opening of the haul road. Last month, North Slope Borough Mayor Eben Hopson told state officials, "We are extremely concerned about any non-industrial use of the haul road."

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