Udall to introduce new bill

Congressmen Morris Udall and John Seiberling intend to place a substitute land bill into the Congressional Record on April 23.

Rough copies of the bill were given to the Secretary of the Interior, Department of Agriculture and the Alaska Coalition.

The Alaska Federation of Natives obtained a copy and held a meeting on April 16 to discuss the possible ramifications of the new bill.

The new bill contains provisions for a land bank, subsistence and the ANSCA amendments. Unlike the other bills, it lists the Native land exchanges and the submerged lands amendments in the table of contents; but under those page headings the paper is blank.

The Udall bill is stronger in its subsistence language than the other bills up for consideration. However, it will be up to the Rules Committee to decide whether it will be considered.

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