

Stevens seeks Soviet consulate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, is seeking to build a coalition of U.S. senators from Western states to support the establishment of a U.S. consulate in the Soviet Far East and another Soviet consulate on the West Coast.

"As a result of recent political and economic reforms in the Soviet Union,

the Soviet Far East has emerged as a region of enormous economic potential," Stevens wrote his colleagues.

Stevens said that while the coalition would not designate where the consulate should be located on the West Coast, Anchorage would be an ideal location.