

Senator Stevens Introduces Bill On Late Filers

Senator Ted Stevens has introduced a bill in the Senate which would allow approximately 1,000 Native Alaskans who missed the previously prescribed March 30, 1973 deadline to enroll for benefits under the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act.

"It is only fair that we meet the full intent and spirit of this law, regardless of whether there was a failure to meet a technical deadline," Senator Stevens said.

The bill is similar to one offered by Senator Stevens last term which passed the Senate but was not acted upon by the House of Representatives.