

Senator Appeals For Chena Project

Senator Ted Stevens appealed to the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works for an additional \$1.9 million for FY 1973 to speed construction on the Chena River Lakes Flood Protection Project.

The Corps of Engineers has reported that the completion of the project would be advanced by one year with the increased funding.

In his letter to Chairman Stennis, Stevens noted the geographic and economic impor-

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tance of Fairbanks and stated that fear of future flooding is hampering development of Central Alaska.

Stevens added that the \$1.9 million supplement to the \$600,000 request would actually result in a savings to the taxpayer by significantly reducing the high unemployment rate in Fairbanks, thereby reducing the cost of welfare and unemployment programs.