

House-Senate Conference Committee Passes Bill-

Bill Contains \$500,000 Advance Money for Each Regional This FY

The Office of Senator Ted Stevens announced today that the supplemental appropriations bill for FY 1972 passed by the House-Senate Con-

ference Committee contains four items of key importance to the implementation of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

The conferees agree that \$500,000 can be advanced in FY 1972 to each regional corporation established in the Land Claims Act if they request it from the Secretary of the Interior.

The Bureau of Land Management has one million added to its budget for the remainder of this fiscal year to begin the training of Natives in cadastral survey skills and to purchase equipment necessary to accelerate the surveys in Alaska.

The BIA Native Enrollment Program now underway for the claims bill had urgently needed increased funding which was approved in amount of \$808,000. The \$808,000 was a Stevens amendment to increase this effort, which the conferees agreed was necessary.

Finally the joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission, established in the act, received its initial federal grant of \$125,000 which will help fund its start-up operations through the remainder of FY 1972, which ends this June 30.