

# Senate panel OKs \$23.7 million for Alaska

The Senate Appropriations Committee recently approved \$23.7 million in federal funds for design, construction, operation and maintenance of Alaska water projects, Sen. Ted Stevens has announced.

The legislation now faces consideration by the full Senate.

The committee, on which Stevens serves, earmarked funds in the Fiscal Year 1988 Army Corps of Engineers

budget for the Anchorage harbor, Chena River Lakes, Snettisham, Nome harbor and other projects throughout the state.

At Stevens' request, the committee added \$3 million to the administration's budget for construction of a harbor at St. Paul. The budget originally contained only \$300,000 for engineering and design of the harbor.

"Most of the funds will be used for continued construction at Chena River Lakes and Snettisham, with additional amounts to be made available for dredging and design of other water projects throughout Alaska," Stevens said. "Today's committee action also will enable the people of St. Paul to proceed with the construction of the harbor which is essential to their economic diversification."

In addition to the \$23.7 million proposed appropriation, the committee voted to provide \$3,026,000 in operation and maintenance funds for the Alaska Power Administration, which manages the Eklutna and Snettisham hydro projects. It also approved an unspecified appropriation of up to \$4 million for dredging at the St. George harbor.