

Sitka Historical Park May Get Old Mission-

Senator Ted Stevens Introduced, Senator Mike Gravel Cosponsors

Senators Ted Stevens and Mike Gravel announced today that the bill creating the Sitka National Historical Park was ordered reported favorably to the Senate floor by the Senate Interior Committee.

The bill will add the old Sitka Russian Mission to the present monument site. This mission is one of the oldest existing buildings in Alaska, dating from 1842.

It was in use for 128 years

but is presently exposed to the elements and in danger of vandalism.

The bill will add 53 acres to the park and cost approximately \$831,000 plus operating expenses. It will redesignate the Monument as a National His-

torical Park.

The bill was introduced by Senator Stevens and cosponsored by Senator Gravel. It was the subject of hearings in which Senator Stevens participated

Senator Gravel is a member of the Interior Committee.

The bill will probably be considered by the full Senate later this week or shortly after the July recess.

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