

**HB**

**434**



# Alaska State Legislature

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Alaska State Capitol Juneau, Alaska 99801-1181

## **SPONSORS STATEMENT** **House Bill 434**

House Bill 434 will honor US Senator Ted Stevens by renaming the Anchorage International Airport, the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

Senator Stevens has served the State and Territory of Alaska for over 47 years, the last 31 years as Alaska's Senior Senator in the United State Senate. During this time he has made many significant accomplishments that have benefited the State. Naming all of them would be a never-ending task but several of the more prominent are as follows:

Senator Stevens has worked tirelessly for statehood for Alaska.

He steered the Alaska Native Claims settlement Act, legislation for which there is no precedent, through Congress.

He championed the Trans-Alaska Pipeline and worked diligently for congressional approval.

He protected the fisheries of Alaska and the nation and expanded economic opportunities for Alaska through the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

He initiated By-pass mail and other initiatives that helped solidify Alaska as the Air Crossroads of the World.

He increased funding for cargo improvements at Anchorage International Airport, the nation's busiest cargo airport, by almost threefold and doubled Airport Improvement program funds for airports throughout Alaska.

For his on-going and tireless effort in supporting all of Alaska in so many ways and aviation in particular, the renaming of Anchorage International Airport for Senator Ted Stevens is most appropriate.

If this legislation passes, House Bill 434 would be sent to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration for implementation.

This legislation was introduced at the request of Commonwealth North Inc.



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## Stevens named Alaskan of the Century

Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens

Alison Lane

**Anchorage, March 25-** The history of Alaska is peppered with important characters. One of those leaders was named Alaskan of the Century Saturday.

THE TOP HONOR goes to Sen. Ted Stevens, whose accomplishments helped shape the state.

"If you could imagine Alaska without the Trans-Alaska pipeline, he's done so many things," said Jay Page with Alaskan of the Year Committee. "Most recently, the Denali Commission, which he has gotten approved and funded, now is building infrastructure throughout rural Alaska that will support economic development in Alaska for decades to come. He's really a remarkable person."

"I'm reminded of the movie 'Being There.' I sort of think I've been tending my garden and tending my garden, and all of a sudden I have some recognition," Stevens said. "I find it hard to believe."

Stevens will accept the award Saturday at a downtown banquet. The event is sold out.

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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 320( )**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act approving the application for and acceptance of a grant of certain  
2 federal land by the Alaska Railroad Corporation; approving the conveyance of the  
3 entire interest in land appurtenant to the Whittier DeLong Dock by the Alaska  
4 Railroad Corporation; relating to use and disposition of the Whittier DeLong Dock  
5 and associated land; and providing for an effective date."

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 \* **Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new  
8 section to read:

9 **FINDINGS.** The legislature finds that the Whittier DeLong Dock and the associated  
10 land are required for essential railroad purposes and that the acquisition of the dock and  
11 associated land by the Alaska Railroad Corporation is in the best interests of the state.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
13 to read:

1 APPROVAL. The legislature authorizes the Alaska Railroad Corporation to apply for  
2 and to accept a grant of a parcel of real property in Whittier, consisting of approximately 6.13  
3 acres and the appurtenant facility known as the DeLong Dock, from the federal government  
4 under terms of sec. 2837(b) - (e), Public Law 106-65. This section constitutes approval for  
5 the Alaska Railroad Corporation to apply for and to accept a grant of federal land within a  
6 municipality in accordance with AS 42.40.285(5).

7 \* Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
8 to read:

9 USE AND DISPOSITION OF THE WHITTIER DELONG DOCK AND  
10 ASSOCIATED LAND. (a) Within three months after the conveyance of the real property  
11 described in sec. 2 of this Act from the United States to the Alaska Railroad Corporation, the  
12 corporation shall reconvey ownership of the uplands, tidelands, and submerged lands to the  
13 City of Whittier. The corporation shall retain ownership of the DeLong Dock and the railroad  
14 tracks and rail bed located on the uplands.

15 (b) Notwithstanding (c) - (h) of this section, the corporation and the City of Whittier  
16 are directed and authorized to enter into reciprocal leases for the DeLong Dock and  
17 appurtenant land and to enter into a management agreement to operate the DeLong Dock and  
18 appurtenant land as a single unit consistent with the terms contained in the document entitled  
19 "Management Terms for DeLong Dock" and signed by the corporation and the City of  
20 Whittier. If the management agreement is not signed by both the corporation and the City of  
21 Whittier within six months after the real property described in sec. 2 of this Act is conveyed  
22 by the United States to the corporation, then the corporation and the City of Whittier shall  
23 comply with (c) - (h) of this section.

24 (c) In exchange for ownership of the land described in (a) of this section, the City of  
25 Whittier shall

26 (1) subdivide the land into two parcels that are separated by the centerline of  
27 the DeLong Dock:

28 (2) grant a lease to the parcel of land north of the centerline of the DeLong  
29 Dock to the corporation.

30 (d) The corporation shall grant a lease to that portion of the DeLong Dock south of  
31 the centerline of the dock to the City of Whittier.

1 (e) The leases described in (c) and (d) of this section must include the following  
2 provisions:

3 (1) each lease must be for a minimum term of 20 years;

4 (2) the rental rate for each lease is \$1.00 a year;

5 (3) the corporation shall have rail access to the dock, and the City of Whittier  
6 shall have a usable road to lands at and beyond the dock;

7 (4) neither the corporation nor the City of Whittier may be required by the  
8 lease to indemnify the other party for its own actions or the actions of a contractor,  
9 subcontractor, or sublessee; liability of the parties shall be governed by the tort law of the  
10 State of Alaska:

11 (5) the corporation and the City of Whittier may assign or sublease its interest  
12 in the lease without the approval of the other party;

13 (6) the corporation and the City of Whittier shall agree to diligently work  
14 together in good faith to resolve disputes and to collaborate with each other in developing a  
15 management agreement for operation of the DeLong Dock facility with the goal of operating  
16 the facility as a single entity for economic development purposes:

17 (7) the leases may not be subject to termination for a breach of a lease;

18 (8) the leases may be amended by mutual agreement of the corporation and  
19 the City of Whittier.

20 (f) The corporation and the City of Whittier shall expeditiously and in good faith  
21 undertake and complete the transactions described in this section under the terms and  
22 conditions set out in this section and under such other terms and conditions as are mutually  
23 satisfactory.

24 (g) Pending the completion of the transactions described in this section, the  
25 corporation and the City of Whittier shall enter into an interim agreement for the use of the  
26 Whittier DeLong Dock and associated land consistent with the provisions of this section.

27 (h) During the five-year period beginning on the date that the real property described  
28 in sec. 2 of this Act is conveyed from the United States to the corporation, the property shall  
29 be used for economic development of the Whittier and Prince William Sound areas, including  
30 freight transportation, tourism, boat moorage for day cruiser or large ocean-going cruise ships,  
31 fishing and fish processing, and other uses.

1 \* Sec. 4. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
2 to read:

3 TRANSFER OF CERTAIN STATE LAND AT WHITTIER. In the event that all or  
4 a portion of the land described in sec. 2837(b), Public Law 106-65, is transferred to the State  
5 of Alaska or an agency of the State of Alaska other than the Alaska Railroad Corporation, the  
6 State of Alaska shall expeditiously reconvey all land and improvements received under sec.  
7 2837(b) - (e), Public Law 106-65, to the City of Whittier.

8 \* Sec. 5. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
9 to read:

10 APPROVAL. The legislature authorizes the Alaska Railroad Corporation to transfer  
11 its entire interest in the land described in sec. 3(a) of this Act in accordance with sec. 3 of this  
12 Act. This section constitutes legislative approval for the corporation to convey its entire  
13 interest in that land under AS 42.40.285(1).

14 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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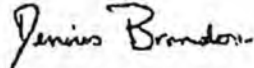
Dear Senator Stevens,

Your lifelong commitment to Alaska and its people deserves appropriate recognition and thanks. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce, it is my pleasure to express our enthusiastic support for House Bill 434, naming the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport.

The Executive Committee of the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce met this week and during discussion on legislation, decided unanimously that naming the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is not only encouraged, but overdue. We will convey our support for prompt passage of HB 434 to the Legislature and Governor Knowles.

As "*The Voice of Alaska Business*", the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce sincerely appreciates your hard work and dedication over the years to making Alaska a better place to live, work, and be in business. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis Brandon  
Chairman

cc: Representative John Cowdery  
Chairman, House Rules Committee and  
Spousor of HB 434