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Terry Miller

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GOP convention

Speaker [Ted Stevens?] talks about the Statehood Act and the final process of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. He is pleased that the Alaska Native regional corporations are following the directions that congress mandated that they are organized for profit. The monies that are turned over to the regional corporations are invested for profit. The stock can not be sold for twenty years. He thinks this will assure the next generation of Natives will have interest in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The village corporations receive the other half of the distribution. This is a capital base for the villages. There will be forty million acres of land in private ownership owned by Alaskans because of the land claims settlement. He thinks this will benefit the state as a whole.

Question from the audience about the El Paso/Arctic battle. Speaker said he refuses to side with either proposal for sale of natural gas. He questions if any company has developed a plan for Alaska natural gas to be developed as a basic raw material for an Alaskan product. He questioned if Arctic has plans to run a pipeline to connect with Fairbanks. El Paso has a plan to liquefy the gas and run it down the west coast. He wants long term jobs tied with the gas. He doesn't believe any company has addressed the question of is finding a way of taking care of Alaska's needs for industrial development without the expense of Alaska building a pipeline to the gas. He believes that the gas should be brought at least to Fairbanks during the construction of the oil pipeline. He doesn't believe that the gas should just be looked at as a source of cash income. He talks about communications. RCA was proceeding with a launch date for a satellite. The speaker believes that the Bush needs to have proper communications. He believes that the satellite could be modified to take care of communication in the Bush.

Bob [?] introduces Terry Miller. He talks about declaring his intentions for running for the United States senate. He addresses three points: The republicans in Alaska do not have to make apologies for anything. They do not have to be tied to other republicans in the lower forty-eight. He is not running against anyone in the primary, he is just running for the United States senate. He is taking the high road. He doesn't wish to discuss anyone except the incumbent and his record as it applies to Alaska issues. He wants to talk about the basic issue of the campaign and that is who can do the best job of representing Alaskans and Alaska first in the United States senate. He believes anyone who wins the republican nomination can do a better job than the incumbent. He believes Alaska needs a senator who will talk with Alaskans. He talks about the relationship between the state of Alaska and the federal government. He believes that the federal government interferes with too many decisions for Alaska such as resource development, conservation practices, the land or the improvement of the standard of living. He believes that the federal government has neglected legitimate Alaska industries such as the fisheries resources and the fishing industry. He has enjoyed working with the state. Master of ceremonies talks about Dorothy Page a delegate from the Mat-Su District.

Convention is called to order. The candidate and campaign committee report is discussed. The recommendations are discussed. The report is approved by vote.