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Ted Stevens, Keith Miller

Republican Party Convention, 1974

Sitka, Alaska

Unidentified speaker reads a letter from Richard Nixon. Mr. Hoverman introduces Keith Miller. Keith Miller talks about the problems of the Republican Party in Washington, D. C. and how Alaskan Republicans did not have anything to do with Watergate. He said the people of Alaska are concerned with immediate problems facing the state and are looking to the Republicans for guidance. He talked about a Republican winning a position in California. He discussed about defeating the Democrats in Alaska: Mike Gravel and Bill Egan. He is hoping for a landslide election in November. He was running for the office of governor. He said that the Egan administration has lost touch with fellow Alaskans. He talked about problems in the Egan administration. He felt a fourth term for Egan would be too much. He talked about the problems of the energy crisis and the pipeline. He talked about the state of Alaska's power resources and the recent introduction of legislation for Devil's Canyon by Don Young and Ted Stevens. He talked about having the pipeline started several years ago. He talked about the suit against Alyeska. He talked about legislation to raise taxes. He discusses the impact of the pipeline construction. He talked about Bill Egan's introduction of law and order bills, the campaign disclosure bill and the plan to sell excess construction equipment. He plans to keep in touch with the people of Alaska.

Unidentified speaker talks about the convention plans for the day and when the various committee meetings will meet.

Henry Savings speaks about his contacts with Ted Stevens and his pride in being a Republican. He sings a song for Ted Stevens.

Unidentified speaker introduces Ted Stevens. Senator Stevens greets the audience. He shares his thoughts about the year. He thinks it will be a good year for candidates in the state. He plans to campaign for all of the Republican candidates. He discusses the problems for the Republican party and what Wally Hickel tried to do in Washington. He feels there is no reason to duck Watergate and people who abuse power are not entitled to that power. It is up to the system to prove the allegations. He hopes that the American public should wait until all the evidence is in. He asks for questions from the audience. Question about campaign disclosure. Ted Stevens talked about campaign disclosure legislation. He said the legislation protects the public and the candidate, too. Question about impeachment. Ted Stevens said impeachment is not a political question it is a judicial question. He talked about the process of impeachment in the House and Senate. Question about voting registration. Ted Stevens said he has been under attack because he was opposed to the bill presented by Senator McGee from Wyoming. Senator Stevens and Senator Kennedy's bill presented several options. Alaska already has postcard registration and registration up to the time that the registration books close. He said all the bills are bottled up in the House. He said Alaska does not need federal help with voter registration. Question about the three years that Nixon has served. Ted Stevens said that should the impeachment process run its course that the country is fortunate to have Gerald Ford. Question about a possible resignation. Ted Stevens said that resignation has to be a personal decision from the president. It is also something that those who have called for his resignation have supported him the

least in the past. Question about what his thoughts are on the Sealaska Corporation. Ted Stevens said he believes that Sealaska is one of the leaders of the settlement procedure. He talked about the financing for the corporations. He feels it is a significant achievement in the history in the relationship of the federal government to the Native people.