

TWO-TRILLION-DOLLAR TED'S THREE-WAY ANWR REVENUE SPLIT

How the hundreds of billions of dollars of ANWR's oil and gas governmental revenue can help the health care and welfare of Americans, Alaskans, and wildlife.

As I go around Anchorage talking with my fellow Alaskans, many of them have good-naturedly taken to calling me two-trillion-dollar Ted for my dogged determination to open ANWR and create the NEW - National Endowment for Wildlife. Commonsense Alaskans know well the worth of ANWR's two trillion dollar oil and gas resources, even if one local liberal acquaintance and strong Begich supporter complained to me that linking ANWR to pending congressional health care legislation is not germane.

With all due respect to my learned liberal friend, money is always "germane" to any legislation. Almost all legislation costs the tax-payer money. But every once in a while along comes a bill that actually makes money. My proposed ANRA - Alaska Natural Resources Act - to open ANWR and create the NEW is such a beneficial-to-the-tax-payer bill. Along with producing more Alaskan oil and gas to help fuel America's freedom, national security, economy, and way of life, my ANRA legislation produces two trillion dollars (please see my Web site, tedandfran.com for details).

A significant chunk of that two trillion dollars - several hundred billion dollars - is governmental revenue. That revenue should be split in thirds; 1/3rd federal government, 1/3rd Alaska, and 1/3rd to the NEWly created National Endowment for Wildlife.

The federal government share can be dedicated to help pay for at least 10% of the entire one trillion dollar cost of the pending health care legislation. The Alaska portion is for the health and welfare of Alaska, whose statehood compact with the federal government actually calls for a 90-10 split in Alaska's favor because of Alaska's unique status among all American states.

The remaining one-third share rightly belongs to the future health and welfare of wildlife as the lasting legacy of ANWR oil and gas development that will fund wilderness and wildlife conservation as long as America and Alaska exist, long after ANWR's natural oil and gas energy resources have made their contribution to the American way of life.

Linking ANWR's money-making oil and gas production to expensive tax-payer-funded health care legislation is not only "germane", it is an elegant environmental exercise in bipartisan congressional legislation. Health care, oil-fueled-freedom, and wildlife conservation. It's good for America, good for Alaska, and good for wildlife!

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