

News Release

Vic Vickers for U.S. Senate – Republican

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June 6, 2008 - "Based on my research and based on other research that I have reviewed, I think Senator [Ted] Stevens is the most corrupt United States Senator in the United States Senate -- and I don't say that lightly," stated Vic Vickers, an economic historian, lawyer and businessman who is a challenger in the August 26 Republican primary, in an interview on Thursday with KBBI-AM radio, Homer.

"In fact, the Alaskan delegation has been identified as the most corrupt delegation in America," Vickers told KBBI-AM interviewer Mike Mason.

"Senator Stevens has allowed Big Oil to rip off the state. I'm upset about it -- like I think all Alaskans are -- and that's why I decided to put my hat in the ring," said Vickers, an economic historian, lawyer and businessman, said.

"There's been a lot of talk about the system being corrupt," he continued.

"I think that's missing the point. The point is: the members of the Congressional delegation are corrupt. And the only way that Alaska is going to move forward and clean up its tarnished image and convince the United States that Alaskan can be good stewards to what is America's most valuable treasure, which is Alaska, is to replace its corrupt public officials," Vickers said.

He cited the state's dependence on revenues from the oil and gas industry.

"So obviously, if you're sitting in the United States Senate as the judge and jury of decisions affecting the oil and gas industry -- and you're an honest man -- you should not take their money because you will be dependent on them -- and that's what happened with Senator Stevens."

Vickers will refuse to accept any campaign contributions from oil and gas industry executives or their political action committees or their lobbyists or their law firms. He will release his federal tax returns and proposed tough new ethical standards for all federal officials and candidates that:

1. Require full disclosure of all financial interests and federal tax returns by all members and candidates, including the tax returns of their spouses, for the U.S. Senate and Congress;

2. Prohibitions against lobbying by spouses of members of Congress, and their children; and

3. An outright ban on receiving gifts from anyone.

Vickers has cited his service as an aide to the late Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice George F. Boney as his early inspiration to fight political corruption.