

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## **Legislature Confirms Governor's Appointments** **Rapid Process Sends Commissioners to Work Early in Session**

(JUNEAU) – The Alaska State Legislature confirmed 21 appointees from the Murkowski Administration today. House Speaker Pete Kott (R-Eagle River) and Senate President Gene Therriault (R-North Pole) directed the Joint Session that filled most of the governor's cabinet.

"This is the earliest that I can recall that we've confirmed commissioners," Kott said. "Generally the confirmation process occurs two or three days before the end of the session. It sends the administration the message that we're cooperating to make this a productive relationship."

"I am pleased that we had such a smooth confirmation process and that we were able to confirm the governor's appointees early on," said Therriault. "Now with his cabinet in place we can all get down to dealing with other issues, such as the budget."

The 21 appointees confirmed by the Legislature are as follows:

**Attorney General**

Gregg D. Renkes

**Commissioner, Department of Administration**

Mike Miller

**Commissioner, Department of Community and Economic Development**

Edgar Blatchford

**Commissioner, Department of Corrections**

Marc Antrim

**Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation**

Ernesta Ballard

**Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services**

Joel Gilbertson

**Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development**

Greg S. O'Claray

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**Confirmations**

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**Commissioner, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**

Brigadier General Craig E. Campbell

**Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources**

Tom Irwin

**Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services**

Joel Gilbertson

**Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development**

Greg S. O'Claray

**Commissioner, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs**

Brigadier General Craig E. Campbell

**Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources**

Tom Irwin

**Commissioner, Department of Public Safety**

Bill Tandeske

**Commissioner, Department of Revenue**

William A Corbus

**Commissioner, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities**

Mike Barton

**Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

Sarah H. Palin – Wasilla

Randy Ruedrich – Anchorage

**University of Alaska Board of Regents**

James C. Hayes – Fairbanks

Cynthia Henry – Fairbanks

Mary K. Hughes – Anchorage

Derek Miller – Fairbanks

Michael Snowden – Sitka

**Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA)**

Dave Harbour – Anchorage

Mark Johnson – Anchorage

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