Five appointed to alcohol advisory board

Governor Tony Knowles appointed five new members to a fifteen-member state advisory board on alcoholism and drug abuse. Their experience in prevention, treatment, and recovery programs is known across the state and Knowles says they will help reduce crime and needless tragedy in Alaska. They include:

• City of Barrow Mayor Don Long, who is praised as a diligent advocator in protecting the "dry" status in his community, a whaling captain, and president of the Alaska Municipal League;

 Cristy Willer Tilden, Dillingham, is the director of the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation's alcoholism and drug abuse program. She has overall command of Jake's Place, a rehabilitation center in Dillingham;

 Rosanne Turner of Anchorage is deputy director of Rural Alaska Community Action Program and brings extensive experience in alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs;

 Henrietta Nugen, Wasilla, established the first long-term treatment facility for chronic alcoholics in Alaska, Nugen's Ranch; and

 Banarsi Lal of Fairbanks, director of the alcohol and drug abuse program of the Fairbanks