

Hearings held to increase interest in fund account

In an attempt to increase public involvement in the Alaska Permanent Fund, a group of three Alaskans has been created to hold hearings about the future of the state's savings account.

The three members of the group, appointed by Gov. Steve Cowper, are Susan Burke, a Juneau lawyer, David Van Amburg, an Anchorage businessman, and Fairbanks lawyer Lance Parrish.

The commission was created this past legislative session to take public testimony on the future of the \$10 billion fund in each judicial district of the state.

It is charged with reporting its findings to Cowper and the Legislature by February 1990.

Under the law, the governor appoints three public members while the House speaker and Senate president appoint two each. Other members are the commissioner of the Department of Revenue and the chairman of the Permanent Fund Board.

Already appointed are Sens. Jan Faiks, R-Anchorage, Steve Frank, R-Fairbanks, Reps. Terry Martin, R-Anchorage, Red Boucher, D-Anchorage and Permanent Fund Board Chairman John Kelsey.