

Wally Burnett named assistant at U.S. DOT strategic planning

Fairbanks resident Wally Burnett has been named special assistant for strategic planning at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Burnett, a member of Sen. Ted Stevens', R-Alaska, staff for the past five years in Washington, D.C., will work with Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner on the development of a national transportation policy.

"It's great to see a young Alaskan recognized for his ability with an appointment like this," Stevens said. "I'm confident he'll serve in his new post with the same loyalty and hard

work he exhibited during his years in my office."

Burnett is also serving as a special adviser for the Department of Transportation on the Alaska oil spill.

The son of Ruth and Wally Burnett of Fairbanks, Burnett is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School and holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Stanford University.

Stevens also announced the appointment of two new legislative assistants to his Washington, D.C., staff: Duane Gibson and John Aravosis.