



John Sackett

Central figure in Bush caucus will be missed

Sen. John Sackett to retire from Legislature

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After 18 years in the Alaska Legislature, Sen. John Sackett announced on Tuesday that he will retire from public service at the end of this year.

Sackett is today one of the most powerful members of the Senate, co-chairing the Senate Finance Committee, and a central member of the Bush Caucus. Sackett made his announce-

ment before fellow finance committee members as they concluded their work on the state operating budget.

"There comes a point in time in everyone's life that you have to look at other alternatives and make a choice," Sackett told his surprised colleagues.

Sen. Sackett said he is unsure what he will do next in his career.

"I've spent my entire life as a

legislator; I ran when I was 21.

"For the next six months (I'll) go back to Ruby and fish and hunt, just take it easy. After that I'll be looking for employment of some sort. Something with people."

The 41-year-old Ruby Republican began his state government career in the Alaska House in 1966, and first won his Senate seat in 1972.