

# Fanning to finish Bennett's term

**FAIRBANKS** — Gov. Steve Cowper has announced the appointment of former Fairbanks legislator Ken Fanning to fill the unexpired term of the late Sen. Don Bennett who died of an apparent heart attack Aug. 30.

Fanning, 40, served in the House of Representatives in 1981 and 1982. He was one of four persons recommended two weeks ago by Republican

district leaders.

During his legislative term, Fanning co-chaired the House Resources Committee and sat on several others including the Finance subcommittee on the University of Alaska, State Affairs and Transportation.

Fanning's appointment follows a decision by Bennett's widow to withdraw as the governor's original

appointee.

Bev Bennett's appointment had been rejected by an informal caucus of senate republicans, an action challenged as unconstitutional by the administration.

The governor is required by the state's constitution to choose a replacement who must be confirmed by the senators of the same party.