

Reapportionment panel appointed

JUNEAU - Gov. Jay Hammond today announced his appointments to the Reapportionment Board representing the four basic geographic areas of the state as required by the State Constitution.

Named to serve are: Clifford Groh of Anchorage, former Republican state senator and a participant in previous suits over reapportionment plans; Byron Mallott of Yakutat, Chairman of the Board of Sealaska, and a cabinet member in the administration of former Gov. William Egan; John Holm of Fairbanks, former Republican state legislator; Kent Dawson of Juneau, former executive assistant to Hammond and currently a consultant; and John Schaeffer of Kotzebue, President of

NANA Corporation.

Hammond said, "It is an outstanding group of Alaskans, all of whom are knowledgeable about problems of legislative representation. This is going to be a difficult task and I wanted to appoint the board now so they can get started early reviewing various methods and alternatives in preparation for actually receiving the 1980 census figures."

The board, which acts in an advisory capacity to the governor on reapportionment, is required to submit a proposed plan of reapportionment to the governor within 90 days of reporting of the 1980 census. Ninety days thereafter, the governor issues his own final plan which may depart from the proposal submitted by the board.