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## ***Rural Representatives Organize for 2003 Session House Bush Caucus Elects Kapsner***

JUNEAU – With a focus on the economy, education and rural power rates, a bipartisan group of seven legislators have organized for the 2003 Alaska Legislature. The House Bush Caucus elected Rep. Mary Kapsner of Bethel to chair the group.

“We stand a good chance of achieving our goals for rural Alaska by standing together,” Rep. Kapsner (D-Bethel) said. “It’s an honor to serve in this important position.”

During an initial meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>, the House Bush Caucus discussed the need to create jobs for rural residents, secure adequate funding for the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) program and for education at all levels.

“With a new administration and many new faces in the Legislature, the House Bush Caucus can bring rural Alaska’s needs to the forefront. I believe the priorities we have identified for this year are basic needs shared by many communities across the state,” said Rep. Reggie Joule (D-Kotzebue), the immediate past caucus chair.

In addition to Kapsner and Joule, the caucus includes by Rep. Richard Foster (D-Nome); Rep. Albert Kookesh (D-Angoon); Rep. Carl Morgan (R-Aniak); Rep. Carl Moses (D-Unalaska); and Rep. Bill Williams (R-Saxman).

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