

REAPPOINTMENT TO LIQUOR PANEL LEADS THE ACTION ON UTAH BOARDS

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Serving on the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission usually means continual controversy, constant lampooning by radio talk show hosts and persistent criticism over Utah's restrictive liquor laws.

Carl S. Hawkins had better get used to it. He has been reappointed to the liquor commission for a term to expire July 1, 2000. Hawkins was first appointed to the commission Feb. 22, 1996, replacing Dr. J. Bonner Ritchie, who retired. Hawkins' appointment was one of several announced Wednesday by Gov. Mike Leavitt.

Rep. Lee Ellertson, R-Provo, was named chairman of the state Industrial Commission. Ellertson will now resign from his House seat (he was not running for re-election).

Royce Gibson, Paul Henderson and Gary Swenson were all reappointed to the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District Board of Directors; G. Edward Leary was reappointed as commissioner of Financial Institutions; Leonard E. Heeny, William B. Redd, Roy ``Pug" Urie and Ralph Okerlund were appointed to the Permanent Community Impact Board; Norman Carroll and Dee A. Waldron were appointed to the Soil Conservation Commission; and Max D. Thompson was appointed a member of the Real Estate Commission.

W. Brett Graham was appointed as a student regent on the state Board of Regents; Dr. Donald F. Hayes was appointed to the Drinking Water Board; Dr. Richard Kanner was appointed to the Air Quality Board; Ann B. Smith was appointed to the Board of Aging and Adult Services; and Khosrow B. Semnani, Norman R. Sunderland, Lowell D. White and Gary L. Edwards were appointed to the Radiation Control Board.

All of the appointments must be confirmed by the state Senate during interim meetings June 19.