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## Doyle Makes Three Major Appointments

Governor-elect Jim **Doyle** announced the appointment of two cabinet level agency heads and one major commission head today. **Doyle** appointed:

- **Scott Hassett** as the **Secretary of Natural Resources**
- **Frank Busalacchi** as the **Secretary of Transportation**
- **Burnie Bridge** as **Chair of the Public Service Commission**

"These are three experienced, knowledgeable, and dedicated individuals who will be true assets to my administration," Doyle said. "I am proud that they have each answered the call to public service once again."

"Scott Hassett is a committed conservationist, an avid hunter and fisherman, and an experienced champion of the natural resource issues facing Wisconsin," Doyle said. "Scott will draw on his experience and knowledge to ensure that we protect and preserve Wisconsin's rich natural resources for future generations."

"Frank Busalacchi is a Milwaukee community leader, labor leader, and an experienced large projects manager who knows how important transportation is to the economic growth of Wisconsin," Doyle said. "Frank has shown time and time again that he can accomplish big things while balancing competing interests."

"Burnie Bridge is fair, impartial, thorough, and will come to the job at the PSC with no strings attached," Doyle said. "Burnie is a talented and experienced lawyer in the public sector who will be able to handle the complex issues that the Public Service Commission must face while ensuring that the process remains fair and open."

Governor-elect Doyle previously announced the appointments of Susan Goodwin as Chief of Staff, Marc Marotta as Secretary of Administration, David Riemer as Budget Director, Helene Nelson as the Secretary of Health and Family Services, Matthew Frank as the Secretary of Corrections, Michael Morgan as the Secretary of Revenue, Kevin Shibilski as the Secretary of Tourism, and Karen Timberlake as the Secretary of Employment Relations.

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Scott Hassett, 52, is a partner and attorney at Lawton & Cates, S.C. He has worked at Lawton & Cates for the past 22 years, handling civil, criminal and employment litigation cases statewide and environmental litigation cases on issues ranging from toxic torts to environmental pollution. He is a former chair and a current member of the Board of Directors of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. The Foundation awards grants for environmental and educational projects and has made a major commitment to the reintroduction of Whooping Cranes in Wisconsin. He is a former managing editor at the Jefferson *Banner* in Jefferson, WI. An avid hunter and fisherman, Hassett is a member of Wisconsin Bowhunters, Ducks Unlimited, Oak Ridge Rifle Club, and Bentshaft Bowhunters Club, and is a former president of the Wisconsin River Sportsman Club. He has also served as the political advisor/legal counsel for Muskies, Inc. He graduated from UW-Oshkosh in journalism in 1974 and received a law degree from Rutgers University in 1980. Hassett and his wife Chris live in Madison and have a daughter and a son.

Frank Busalacchi, 58, is the secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Local 200, one of the largest Teamster locals in the state. He began with the Teamsters as a business agent in 1979 and was elected president in 1991 and secretary-treasurer in 1994. He is the president of the Summerfest Board of Directors and served as the chairman of the Negotiating Committee responsible for the lease between Milwaukee World Festivals and the City of Milwaukee. Appointed by Governor Thompson in 1994, he is the Construction Committee Chairman for the Miller Park Baseball Stadium construction project. He is a member of the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee and the Greater Milwaukee Committee. Busalacchi and his wife Robin live in Brookfield and have two sons.

Burnie Bridge, 54, is the Deputy Attorney General at the Wisconsin Department of Justice. She has worked at DOJ for the past 17 years, as deputy attorney general, supervising attorney in the government operations and administrative law unit, and assistant attorney general. She is a former associate at Lommen, Nelson, Sullivan & Cole, P.A., in Minneapolis. A distinguished lecturer, Bridge has lectured at the National Association of Attorneys General, the American Bar Association Leadership Conference, and the Legal Association for Women. She is a former Guest Instructor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, a mentor in the law school's mentorship program, and a host of Madison Friends of International Students. She is past president of the Legal Association of Women and of the Madison Area Literacy Council. She is a 1970 graduate of Miami University and received a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1982. Bridge and her husband John Selbo live in Madison.