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Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan said today that Anthony J. Hope will provide the strong leadership needed to organize and begin operations of a new National Indian Gaming Commission. President Bush nominated Hope and the Senate confirmed the appointment on May 16, 1990, following hearings before the Select Committee on Indian Affairs. Hope will serve as first chairman of the commission established by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (Public Law 100-497). The commission is to regulate, establish standards for, and monitor gaming on Indian lands and reservations. Two additional commissioners will be appointed by Lujan.

"Tony Hope has the experience, the commitment and the temperament that will be required to get this commission organized and to make it effective," Lujan said. 11 He is an attorney with expertise in both the regulatory and legislative areas of government. In addition, he has had valuable experience in promoting economic growth in developing countries. This expertise will be useful in helping America's Indian reservations, many in desperate need of economic development, enter into gaming enterprises where appropriate and beneficial to the tribes. The commission also will seek to protect Indians from disreputable operators who might try to exploit tribes and tribal members." Hope has been a senior vice president of Mutual of Omaha since 1987. He was a partner in Touche Ross &Company and director of the firm's Washington Service Center 1977-1984. In 1986, he ran unsuccessfully for Congress in California.

During the administration of President Ford. 1975-1977. Hope served as an official in the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, responsible for the project finance staff and 75 ongoing investments in 30 countries. He practiced law in Los Angeles 1970-1975 after several years of successful work in movie and television production in London and Hollywood. California.

Hope received his Bachelor of Arts degree at Georgetown University in 1962 and law degree at Harvard in 1965. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1965-1966. Currently he is chairman of the board of Mount Vernon College, and a board member of the USO. National Theatre and the National Council of Families and Television. Hope. 49, and his wife, Judith, have two children, Zachary, a student at Harvard, and Miranda, a student at Stanford.