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Heard At HUD

Montgomery, Kurtz New HUD Nominees: Former Federal Housing Commissioner Brian Montgomery would return to the post if given a Senate confirmation nod. President Trump has nominated Montgomery, who served as FHA commissioner and assistant secretary for housing from 2005 to 2009 in the George W. Bush administration -- and briefly as acting HUD secretary in January 2009, to the post. Montgomery served as President Bush's Office of Cabinet Affairs director from 2003 to 2005 and is currently vice chairman of The Collingwood Group, a financial services industry consulting organization. In another move, the president nominated Robert Hunter Kurtz to be assistant secretary for Public & Indian Housing. Kurtz currently serves as HUD's deputy chief of staff for policy and programs and he served in other HUD positions during the Bush administration. Before returning to HUD, Kurtz served as deputy director of the Detroit, MI Department of Housing & Revitalization. Both nominations have been sent to the Senate Banking Committee.