

# Obama fills out labor, trade lineup

*President-elect to make choices official today*

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CHICAGO — Nearing completion of his Cabinet, President-elect Barack Obama has selected California Rep. Hilda Solis as his labor secretary and former Dallas mayor Ron Kirk as U.S. trade representative, officials said Thursday.

Obama planned to formally announce those selections as early as today along with that of Republican Rep. Ray LaHood of Illinois for transportation secretary, and, perhaps others.

Democratic officials also said Dennis Blair, a retired admiral and the former head of U.S. Pacific Command, is a leading contender to become director of national intelligence.

On Thursday, Obama named three veteran regulators to help clean up financial debacles. Amid a year-old recession that's still deepening, Obama blamed much of the nation's economic trou-



Hilda Solis



Ron Kirk

## HILDA L. SOLIS

■ **BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 10, 1957

■ **HOMETOWN:** El Monte.

■ **EXPERIENCE:** Member, U.S. House of Representatives, 2000-present; California state senator, 1994-2000; California assemblywoman, 1992-1994; board member, Rio Hondo Community College Board of Trustees; budget analyst, Civil Rights Division of the Office of Personnel and Management; employed, Office of Hispanic Affairs at the White House.

■ **EDUCATION:** B.A., California Polytechnic State University Pomona; master's of public administration, University of Southern California.

■ **FAMILY:** Married.

bles on government regulators who "dropped the ball," and he called for a return to ethics and tough enforcement.

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