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WASHINGTON, D.C. OCT. 14, 1969---Senators James Pearson, Bob Dole and Congressman Keith Sebelius today announced that President Nixon has named Mrs. Mary Anna Beach, Hays, to the President's Committee on Mental Retardation. Mrs. Beach currently is vice president of the Kansas Association for Mental Retardation.

Senator Dole, who made his maiden speech in the Senate on the handicapped, said, "Mrs. Beach will be a great asset to this committee. Her involvement and interest in mental retardation in our State provides a sound basis for constructive achievement at the national level.

"The leadership of Kansas in the field of mental health makes the nomination of Mrs. Beach a most appropriate one," Senator Pearson said. "I am confident she will make a very positive contribution to the President's committee."

Congressman Sebelius said, "Mrs. Beach's experience in this most important field will be a vital asset to our nation's effort to achieve progress in the field of mental health."