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Washington, D.C., December 8, 1969 - Members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation today expressed their approval of the Nixon Administration decision to appoint John Crutcher, former Kansas Lieutenant Governor, as Director of State and Local Government Operations in the Office of Economic Opportunity.

In a brief statement released today Pearson said "John Crutcher is an outstanding public servant, an able and intelligent man and a friend. His broad experience in inter-governmental relations and his dedication to better government make him an excellent choice for this job."

Senator Dole said, "John Crutcher is the ideal choice for this OEO position. He brings to the job a wealth of knowledge about government at all levels and a concern to stimulate broad and meaningful involvement in solving many problems confronting low-income families.

Representative Shriver said, "I am delighted with the selection of John Crutcher. He is an experienced public servant. The Nixon Administration has chosen wisely in gaining this experience and knowledge for this challenging position."

Representative Joe Skubitz said, "I am delighted to hear of this appointment. John Crutcher did an outstanding job as Lieutenant Governor and I know he will serve well in his new position."

Representative Larry Winn said, "John Crutcher is one of the truly outstanding young men from Kansas. His elevation to this position of national importance is well deserved. And his experience in state government makes him extremely well qualified for his new job."

Representative Keith Sebelius said, "John Crutcher's appointment is especially meaningful because it typifies the President's policy of new federalism. John Crutcher is eminently qualified in that he has first hand knowledge and experience of state and local government problems in this area. He will bring to OEO much needed common sense and practical experience."

Representative Chester Mize said, "John Crutcher's background experience will bring a high level of competence to this position and we can expect improvement in the important relations between the Washington office and the state and local administration."

Crutcher, 53, of Hutchinson, will be in charge of planning and coordinating the relations of OEO with state and local government. He has been in Washington since December 1 on a consultant basis.

Serving as Lieutenant Governor from 1964 to 1968, Crutcher was elected Vice Chairman of the Midwestern Council of State Government in 1967 and was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors. During the past year he has operated his own real estate and insurance company in Hutchinson. He is a 1936 graduate of Hutchinson Junior College and a 1940 graduate of the University of Kansas. As a lecturer on the national "Knife and Fork Club" circuit he has appeared in 41 states, and is well known in Kansas as an international traveler.