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U.S. Senators James B. Pearson and Bob Dole, Kansas Republicans, welcomed the President's announcement today that the name of Justice Earl E. O'Connor has been sent from the White House to the Senate for confirmation to fill a vacancy on the federal district court in Kansas.

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Dole said he has asked that the Senate take quick action on the nomination in the hope that it can be considered before the Senate begins debate over Supreme Court nominations.

Pearson commended O'Connor as "an excellent lawyer and jurist," and predicted that "he will be one of our finest judges."