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CRUTCHER TO BE TOP DOLE AIDE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole announced today that John Crutcher will join his Washington Senate staff on May 27, replacing Bill Kats as his Administrative Assistant. Kats, who is retiring, has been Dole's Administrative Assistant since he was elected to Congress in 1961. Kats plans to do volunteer campaign work in Kansas until November.

Crutcher, a long time Kansas resident and a graduate of Kansas University, was born in Ensign. He has lived and worked in Rice County, Parsons and Hutchinson. Crutcher served two terms as Lieutenant Governor of Kansas from 1965 to 1969. He had previously served as the Kansas State Senator from Reno county between 1953 and 1957.

As Lieutenant Governor, Crutcher served as President of the Kansas Senate, Chairman of the Interstate Cooperation Commission and Chairman of the Motor Vehicle Reciprocity Commission. During his term as a State Senator, he served on the Assessment and Taxation Committee, the Insurance Committee, the Municipalities Committee and the Education Committee. During this time he had strong identification with greater state financial support for local elementary and secondary education and worked effectively for legislation to improve the delivery of mental health services.

Crutcher came to Washington, D.C. in 1969 to serve as Director of the Division of State and Local Government, Office of Economic Opportunity. In that capacity he represented OEO on intergovernmental task forces and committees dealing with matters on the operating level and worked closely with Governors', Mayors', and County officials', offices across the country. He leaves that office to join the Senator's staff.

Dole said Crutcher's knowledge, of Kansas and of government agencies, will be an asset both in developing legislation beneficial to Kansans and in aiding Kansans seeking information or help from the Senator's office.