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### KANSAS SENATORS ANNOUNCE JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION

WASHINGTON -- Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum today announced the establishment of a bipartisan commission to recommend candidates to replace Judge Wesley Brown of Wichita as Federal District Court Judge in Kansas. Judge Brown announced recently that he will assume senior status on the Federal Bench effective Oct. 1, 1979.

The Kansas Judicial Nominating Commission, which includes both lawyers and non-lawyers, will interview prospective appointees and forward the names of three persons to Dole and Kassebaum, who will send the recommendations to the Justice Department. The President and attorney general will then select one of the three to fill the vacancy on the Federal Bench in Kansas.

At the request of the two Kansas senators, each member of the Kansas congressional delegation has appointed one member to the commission and the Kansas Bar Association has recommended two members.

The members of the commission are:

- Leonard Thomas, Kansas City, Kan.
- Rick Harman, Shawnee Mission, Kan.
- C. Keith Sayler, Topeka, Kan.
- A.J. Focht, Wichita, Kan.
- Neta Pollom, Topeka, Kan.
- Charles McAtee, Topeka, Kan.
- Rudy Valenzuela, Garden City, Kan.
- Kay Arvin, Wichita, Kan.
- Donald Hickman, Arkansas City, Kan.

The panel will meet on organizational and procedural matters within the next couple of weeks and is expected to forward its recommendations to the two senators sometime in November.

Persons interested in the appointment should contact one of the Kansas offices of Senators Dole or Kassebaum or a member of the Judicial Nominating Commission.