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DOLE, KASSEBAUM SUBMIT NOMINEES FOR KANSAS U.S. DISTRICT COURT SEAT

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum today announced that they have submitted to the Justice Department the names of two nominees for the U.S. District Court Judgeship for Kansas. That seat is being vacated by Judge Frank Theis at the end of the month.

The two nominees are Sam Crow and G.T. "Tom" Van Bebber, both of Topeka.

Crow, 55, is currently U.S. Magistrate Judge in Topeka, a position he has held since 1975. During the Carter Administration, Crow was one of several candidates selected by a judicial nominating commission for appointment to the U.S. District Court.

Crow was born in Topeka and attended college at Kansas University. He earned his law degree from Washburn University. Prior to his current magistrate appointment, he practiced law in private practice in Topeka for 23 years. In the past, he has been a law school instructor at Washburn.

Van Bebber, 49, has been in general private practice in Troy continuously since 1961. From 1959 to 1960 he was Assistant U.S. Attorney for Kansas, a post he left to head the branch office of the U.S. Attorney in Kansas City, Kansas. He has also served with the Kansas Legislature and has been chairman of the Kansas Corporation Commission.

Van Bebber attended Kansas University undergraduate and law schools.

Dole and Kassebaum said the Justice Department will make a determination on a recommendation to the White House shortly in order to fill the vacated seat. Theis notified President Reagan and the two senators yesterday of his intention to step down effective July 31, 1981.