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STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE AT SPECIAL BUDGET HEARINGS,
BEFORE ELMER B. STAATS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET BUREAU
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1965

MR. DOLE: Mr. Staats, I appreciate this opportunity to express my views on budgeting of funds necessary to carry out the essential functions of the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation in Kansas with respect to flood control and protection, multi-purpose dams, irrigation, and related activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967.

Naturally I am interested in assuring that work now in progress on projects in my Congressional District go forward without interruption, and that sums considered necessary by the Corps and Bureau for construction and continued investigation and planning are budgeted. I would make particular reference to the requests made by the Mo-Ark and Mississippi Valley Associations and endorse the requests of witnesses from Kansas and Missouri who have appeared, or will appear, before you. The \$100,000 planning money request for the Hays Flood Control Project (Big Creek) at Hays, Kansas, can be readily justified.

I likewise support the \$20,000,000 request for additional construction of Glen Elder Dam, and the \$2,000,000 request for further construction of the Almena Unit.

I would particularly emphasize one item and ask it be borne in mind when considering the budget for the Corps of Engineers. It is necessary to insure adequate funds are provided the Corps to permit a complete, careful but accelerated investigation along the Arkansas River for flood control purposes.

The disastrous floods along the river throughout Southwest Kansas, below John Martin Dam in Colorado this past summer, produced unprecedented flood peaks exceeding anything Corps engineers ever anticipated. Losses in human life, real and personal property losses were staggering. Because of

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the magnitude of the flood, additional engineering studies will be required, and the study originally contemplated for completion next year will be delayed.

Funds for channel clearance, levees and other protective measures should be taken into account pending the completion of a report to Congress for authorization of such projects as may be recommended for construction.

Needless to say every effort should be made to expedite an adequate flood protection system along the Arkansas River before a recurrence of this tragedy. There must not be a lack of adequate funds to achieve these goals and I, therefore, again urge budgeting of funds, limited only by the capability of the Corps to properly use them.
