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WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 21, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today praised Senate passage of the Economic Development Act. Dole, a member of the Public Works Committee which wrote the legislation, said, "High unemployment areas such as Wichita as well as many rural counties in Kansas that have been suffering from "out migration" of population will receive substantial assistance through this bill."

This legislation also changes the Federal governments share of the cost of public works projects under Title I of the Public Works and Economic Development Act from 80 to 100 percent.

The authorization under Title I for public works grants would be increased from \$550 million per fiscal year to \$800 million. At least 25 percent of the funds appropriated under this authorization would be available for expenditure in redevelopment areas, including communities or neighborhoods suffering from an actual or threatened abrupt rise in unemployment due to the closing or curtailment of a major source of employment, rural areas having substantial out-migration, and areas with large concentrations of low-income persons or substantial unemployment, without regard to political boundaries. Dole said this legislation will directly benefit Kansas.