



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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KANSAS UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED FACILITY

LAWRENCE, Ks., April 27, 1972---- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) announced here tonight before speaking at the Vickers Lecture Series on the University of Kansas campus that the needed \$112,000 funding for the KU Affiliated Facility has been included by the Senate Appropriations Committee in the Second HEW Supplemental Appropriation bill.

Dole made the request in an amendment to the bill, and said that following approval in the Committee's executive session today, it goes to the Senate floor on Monday. Dole predicted that the long sought funds for the Kansas University facility, which is located in Kansas City, Kansas, would received favorable consideration by the Senate, but added that the bill with the added \$112,000 Dole amendment must then go to joint conference committee for arbitration with the House-passed HEW Appropriations bill.

On April 18, Dole testified before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, Education and Welfare in support of his amendment, and said that the added funding for the KU facility would benefit several hundred Kansans with developmental disabilities.

Dole said the operating and staffing funds are critically needed as construction on the KU Affiliated Mental Retardation Center is near completion. He said the facility is to house clinical and manpower training operations for the developmentally disabled.

The Kansas Senator explained that Dr. Richard Schiefelbusch, Director of Child Research at KU had applied for operation and training funds for the center, but that no provisions for funding the facility had been included in either the 1972 or 1973 Maternal and Child Health Service Budgets. Therefore, on March 2, Dole proposed to the

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Senate Appropriations Committee that \$112,000 be added to the Second 1972 HEW Supplemental Appropriations bill. This appropriation, Dole said, would sufficiently fund the center until the end of this fiscal year. Dole said he planned to also propose the inclusion of \$511,621 in the 1973 Maternal and Child Health Service budget, as originally requested by Schiefelbusch. Dole said he expected to return before the Appropriations Committee in May to testify in support of that request.

In Kansas tonight, Dole said the "continuation of this project is crucial, not only to the developmentally disabled children of Kansas and to their parents, but to persons all across the nation." Dole said that the KU Affiliated Facility at Kansas City "is one link in the national program to better the lives of the developmentally disabled."