

NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 22, 1979 -- Senator Bob Dole today announced that the Senate has passed the 1972 Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Authorizations bill.

The bill provides necessary Congressional clearance for various federal water resource projects. It gives approval to the Kansas River Navigation Project. This project will provide harbor navigation improvements for the lower 9.33 miles of the Kansas River from its juncture with the Missouri River to the Turner Bridge upstream. It will include extension of a channel nine feet deep and 150 feet wide with bank stabilization structures along the entire distance. The estimated cost is \$3.1 million with another \$4,100 to be spent for navigation aids.

The Kansas River Navigation Project in the bill at the Request of Senator Dole, a member of the Senate Public Works Committee.

Dole said, "It was felt that the project holds such substantial benefits, including an \$846,000 annual transportation cost savings, that approval should be given as soon as possible."

The bill now goes to a joint House-Senate Conference Committee.