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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today received assurance that it is the intent of the Congress for the Flight Service Stations in Hill City and Emporia to remain open.

The facilities at Emporia and Hill City had been scheduled by the Federal Aviation Administration to close within the coming year. But Senate action on the Department of Transportation Appropriations Bill directs the FAA to maintain the Flight Service Stations at the current level of service with no personnel reductions planned until unmanned Flight Service facilities are constructed and operating satisfactorily.

Senator Dole's debate on the Senate floor with Senator Robert Byrd (D-WaVa.), Clifford Case (R-N.J.) and Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), made it clear that Congress' action on the bill represented a directive to the FAA to keep these stations open and operating at full strength. Senator Dole said, "I am pleased that there will be no interruption in services and that these facilities will continue to play an important role in the safety of the Nation 's air traffic."