

## DOLE ANNOUNCES HUD APPROVAL FOR GREENLEAF HOUSING

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Calling it "an example of the federal government's ability to respond quickly and effectively in an emergency", Senator Bob Dole announced today the approval of an ~~unit~~ elderly housing project for Greenleaf, Kansas, by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Dole explained that HUD approval<sup>of the approximately 500,000 project</sup> came in spite of a general moratorium on funding for such projects which has been in effect since January. "The recent tornado in Greenleaf destroyed much of the housing there", said Dole, "so the approval of this project became a clear and compelling necessity, both for humanitarian and economic reasons. The approval of the project will allow Greenleaf citizens to make more comprehensive plans for construction of replacement housing in their city."

"The<sup>overall</sup> federal disaster relief effort thus far is evidence of ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> responsiveness of the Federal government in ~~disaster~~<sup>disaster</sup> situations", Dole said.

Thus far, damage surveys have been initiated in all 50 counties covered by the disaster proclamation. Individual assistance teams have gone into no less than a dozen towns and have registered more than 400 individuals and families for federal assistance programs. 137 applications for housing assistance have been approved so far. Disaster loans for repairs to homes and businesses have been approved in over 60 cases, in amounts totalling over \$400,000. In the period immediately following the ~~storms~~, over 3300 meals, prepared with Department of Agriculture donated commodities, were distributed by the Red Cross.

"From the start," said Dole, "the Federal effort has been aimed at providing available assistance effectively and as quickly as possible".

Dole said he planned to be in Hiawatha, Kansas this evening for the community's annual Halloween Parade and will go from there to Clay Center Thursday morning to participate in the kick-off of the rebuild Clay Center campaign.