



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE TO MEET WITH AMTRAK PRESIDENT

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS -- Senator Bob Dole today said he plans to meet personally with Roger Lewis, President of Amtrak, in Washington, D. C. within the next few days regarding the Senator's proposed Amtrak route through ██████████ Kansas to connect Kansas City and Denver.

Senator Dole said he believed that Governor Docking was on the right track in supporting this experimental Amtrak route. Dole indicated he had recommended an experimental route to Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar in November. He has also visited with Rep. J. Donn Everett (R-Manhattan) who is preparing a bill which would allow Kansas to reimburse Amtrak for some losses it might incur in reestablishing such a route.

Dole stated he was aware of possible difficulties such as shortage of equipment and the probable loss of initial profits. However, Dole said that under Section 403 (B) of the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970, the National Passenger Corporation would be required to establish the route if the State of Kansas would reimburse Amtrak for a major percentage of operating losses.