



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today took issue with reports from Amtrak officials that an "equipment shortage" was responsible for the cancellation of scheduled rail service through Kansas. Amtrak officials had announced last week that a second train scheduled for summer on the Chicago to Los Angeles route that serves Kansas City, Emporia, Newton, Hutchinson, Dodge City and Garden City, would be cancelled.

Dole pointed out that information has been made available to him that over 88 cars, 25 seasonal cars and 40 baggage cars are immediately available for lease or sale from Canadian Pacific, Canadian National, Alaska Railroad and Valley Railroad as well as private owners. While Amtrak officials had claimed that no cars were available in the United States, Dole cosponsored legislation that would make sale or lease of cars by several mid-western railroads possible.

"It seems that with Amtrak rates being increased 20% this summer, Kansans should expect and deserve expanded service not cancellations. It appears that more than enough cars are readily available to Amtrak. I am certain that a lease arrangement could be worked out until Amtrak either buys new cars or refurbishes many of the cars now available," Dole said.