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DOLE ANNOUNCES OFFICIAL HUD ACTION ON NORTHEAST LEAVENWORTH

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole announced today that official approval has been given by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the proposed expansion of the downtown Leavenworth Urban Renewal area.

"All the necessary signatures -- including that of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Development -- were obtained yesterday to authorize the project," Dole explained, "and the approval papers have been sent back to the Area office in Kansas City for processing."

"This is a most gratifying accomplishment," the Senator stated, "especially in light of the fact that the addition had been rejected at the federal level prior to the May 23rd meeting in Washington, and a special waiver was required to make exception to the normal classification criteria." The meeting to which Dole referred was one which he had arranged between HUD representatives and Mayor Ben Day and George Collins, Urban Renewal Director.

"More than 600 families will be affected by this development, which I feel represents a great step forward in the community improvement goals of Leavenworth," Senator Dole remarked. "And not just those directly involved in the 130-acre area itself, but the entire city is certain to benefit from the completion of this project."

Dole added that he looked forward to visiting Northeast Leavenworth in the very near future and seeing the visible results of this effort to bring the housing, sanitation and recreation facilities up to adequate and comfortable standards. The project is expected to be the major concentration of the Leavenworth Urban Renewal Agency over the next three years.