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ROCK ISLAND LEGISLATION SIGNED, WILL BENEFIT STATE OF KANSAS, SHIPPERS

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today hailed the signing of legislation which hopefully will pave the way for continued service on the Rock Island Line.

"This bill is extremely important for Kansas," Dole said. "More than 40% of all grain storage capacity is served by the Rock Island, and 125 elevators have the Rock Island as their sole rail service. With the harvest not all that far away, it is vital that we keep the railroad rolling," said Senator Dole.

Credit to Sen. Kassebaum

"Senator Nancy Kassebaum deserves a great deal of credit for her work on the Commerce Committee and on the floor of the Senate to help get this legislation passed," added Dole.

"This bill is doubly important, as the Interstate Commerce Commission is allowed to extend temporary authority on the Tuccumacari line and also allows the ICC to approve service authority for the Katy Line to operate the Herington to Ft. Worth, Texas, line. It is my understanding that the I.C.C. will act positively on both of these measures today," added Dole.

The President was scheduled to sign the Rock Island legislation at 1:00 P.M. today in the Rose Garden at the White House.