



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR KANSAS RURAL WATER DISTRICTS HURT BY DROUGHT

OTTAWA...Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said today he will support increased emergency funding for the rural water district program so additional monies can be made available to Kansas districts hurt by the drought.

In a speech to the Ottawa Lions Club, Dole said, "I will work in the Senate to add emergency funding to the next appropriations bill that comes before the Senate. The budget is very tight, but obviously we can find some room for these emergency funds."

"I understand all 30 Kansas water systems are unable to supply water to all their customers because of the drought and need additional funding. Kansas FWHB officials say it will take \$10 million in loans and grants to find permanent solutions to the water supply problems faced by the 30 districts."

"I will work closely with Senator Nancy Kassebaum to obtain needed funds. I know she is also committed to assisting rural Kansas obtain needed water supplies."

"The rural water district program has been a great boost to rural Kansas and is a program I have supported strongly for many years. More than 10% of the people of Kansas obtain their water from a district."

"I believe it is important to provide the necessary funds so the districts can meet emergency situations such as drought. The supply of water for small communities and farmers is of increasing concern and will continue to be a major problem in the future. It is important to work on this issue now and be prepared for the water shortages that are projected for the next 10 years."