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DOLE, KASSEBAUM TO INTRODUCE FT. LEAVENWORTH, FT. RILEY CONSTRUCTION AMENDMENTS

WASHINGTON — Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum today announced that they will sponsor a series of amendments to the Military Construction authorization and appropriation bills before the Senate to fund medical and other military projects at Ft. Leavenworth and Ft. Riley.

The amendments, which total \$18,540,000 in federal aid, should be introduced the middle of next week, the senators said.

The amendments comprise:

Ft. Leavenworth

-- \$9,900,000 for upgrading of hospital complex. Funding for this project is not contained in House Military Construction legislation, but is contained in the Senate authorization bill. The Dole Kassebaum amendment would add it to Senate appropriations bill.

- \$6,500,000 for renovation of administration buildings. This is currently contained in the House authorization bill, but not in the appropriations bill. It is in neither Senate bill.

-- \$1,250,000 for a dental clinic. Is in both House bills, neither Senate bill.

Ft. Riley

-- \$890,000 for addition of an aircraft hangar maintenance shop. In House and Senate authorization bills, in neither appropriation bill.

"These are important items for Ft. Leavenworth and Ft. Riley and the military community in Kansas, and it is important that they be funded when this legislation is passed by Congress," Dole said. "A number of them were contained in the President's budget proposal, and then were subsequently omitted during the budget re-evaluation process. Senator Kassebaum and I fully intend to do everything in our power to see that these projects are included in the final bill."

Kassebaum said, "These funding requests have been followed closely by Senator Dole and me for some time. We realize the necessity of them for Ft. Riley and Ft. Leavenworth and we will make sure that other senators are made aware of their importance."