

## News from Senator

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### ICC HAS AGREED TO RAIL TRANSIT RATES, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today received assurances that a majority of the commissioners at the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) have agreed to authorize transit rates on track across northern Kansas.

"If approved by the ICC, the transit rate method could shave up to \$800,000 from the cost of transporting millions of bushels of Kansas wheat being stored in elevators," Dole said.

The Mid States Port Authority of Kansas has asked the ICC to restore transit rights along the northern route of the old Rock Island line. The transit rates would set a cheaper freight rate for through traffic for cars the Wabash Valley Railroad is moving across the Phillipsburg-Manhattan section of the Rock Island.

"The farmers and elevator operators of northern Kansas need transit rights if they are to make the most of the directed service approved over this rail by the ICC," Dole said. "These transit rights could be implemented upon one day's notice by the railroad, and would be in effect as long as the grain left the transit point no later than 60 days after the end of directed service.

"The ICC's approval of these rights is not expected to be announced today because polling of the commissioners is not complete. However, I have been assured that a majority of the commissioners had already voted to authorize the rates. "