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"DONAHUE" TV SHOW TO FOCUS ON ADOPTION PROBLEMS--WICHITA VICTIM OF MEXICAN ADOPTION SCAM AMONG GUESTS

Dole Bill to Crackdown on Adoption Scams Discussed

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that the nationally-syndicated Phil Donahue talk show will soon focus on problems faced by prospective adoptive parents, including an adoption scam that has recently hit several Kansas couples.

Among the topics discussed in the program taped on Tuesday in Chicago is legislation introduced by Senator Dole to protect citizens in their dealings with interstate and international adoption agencies.

Guests will include Wichitans Steve and Susan Palacioz, victims of the nationwide "Mexican Adoption Scam," in which more than 250 couples in more than 35 states are believed to have been swindled out of many hundreds of thousands of dollars. A Senate Judiciary Committee counsel for Senator Dole, Scott Morgan of Shawnee Mission, also appears on the show to explain the legislation and Senator Dole's involvement in efforts to crackdown on fraudulent adoption practices.

Other participants in the show include author Cynthia Martin, and adoptive mothers JoAnne Walton of Des Moines, Iowa and Carol Ann Story of Cleveland, Ohio.

The "Donahue" program will air on the following Kansas TV stations:

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 9:00 A.M.

KWCH, Channel 12 Wichita KTVC, Channel 6 Ensign KLOE, Channel 10 Goodland

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 9:00 A.M.

KMBC, Channel 9 Kansas City KSNT, Channel 27 Topeka

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 9:00 A.M.

KOAM, Channel 7 Pittsburg