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SUPPLEMENTAL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT, GOOD NEWS FOR KANSAS

WASHINGTON -- "Kansas farmers, university officials and the aviation industry got good news last night when President Reagan signed the FY 86 Supplemental Appropriations Bill." That was the comment from Sen. Bob Dole, who helped shepherd these concerns through Congress and to the Oval Office.

"In signing the supplemental, the President has authorized the funding of several worthwhile projects for Kansas," Dole said. "The appropriation of funds to the 'Commodity Credit Corporation will be a big help to farmers, especially those waiting for deficiency payments and loan guarantees."

Dole said the appropriations bill also includes important funds for Wichita State University and the University of Kansas. "It has been a tough fight, but we finally secured \$5 million for the WSU Institute for Aviation Research and Development and \$2 million dollars for neurotoxin research at KU. These funds will greatly enhance the research capabilities of these two Kansas universities," Dole added.

"There is also good news for Gates Learjet and Beech. Funds have been included in the supplemental to allow the Air Force to purchase 80 jets from Gates and 40 prop jets from Beech. This is a good deal for the government and it's a good deal for the companies as well. They would much rather sell the planes than have them out on lease and in the long run the purchase of the planes should save the taxpayers some money. And now the President agrees," said Dole.

"This is the final step in a lengthy appropriations process, and I am pleased that the President's signature will allow these funds to be made available for Kansans and all concerned," Dole concluded.