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SENATE AGREES TO DOLE PROPOSAL FOR \$6 MILLION AUTHORIZATION FOR K-STATE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Washington, DC -- The Senate has authorized \$6 million proposed by Senator Bob Dole for a new satellite video communications center at Kansas State University.

"Television and video technology offer special educational opportunities," said Sen. Dole. "K-State is uniquely qualified to produce and disseminate programming in several subject areas that are important at a regional, as well as national and international, level."

Dole said the satellite center would transmit programs on international food marketing, trade research, veterinary medicine, food technology. He said the center would also enhance the outreach of the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service.

"At a time when there is tremendous hardship in the Farm Belt, this type of center could provide easy access to job retraining programs for farmers who seek a livelihood off the farm," Sen. Dole said.

The authorization passed by voice vote late Tuesday night.