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## DOLE, KASSEBAUM SEND K-STATE FUNDS TO PRESIDENT

Washington, D.C. -- Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum announced late Friday that initial funding for a new plant science research center at Kansas State University has passed the Senate and is on its way to the White House for the President's signature.

"The \$1.35 million is a start on a long-range plan for a major expansion of one of K-State's strongest departments," said Dole as the Senate worked around the clock to pass appropriations bills before the fiscal year ended on September 30th.

"It's been a long haul to reach our goal, but we crossed the goal line tonight," Dole added. "We were very fortunate that the exact amount of funding contained in the Senate version of the Agriculture Appropriations Bill was left intact when the conferees met to iron out the differences."

The \$1.35 million was included in the final conference report on the FY89 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, which passed the Senate on the last day of the fiscal year 1988. This funding will be utilized for the second phase of planning and construction on Throckmorton Hall. Total cost of this project is estimated to be about \$27 million.

"This conference report is significant, because it represents the federal government's commitment of funding this project in the long-term," said Dole, "The Department of Agriculture is now committed to matching the state funding, now that it has completed its feasibility study with a favorable report."

In addition to funding for the Throckmorton Plant Science Research Center, the FY89 Agriculture funding bill contained the following other projects for Kansas State University:

Stored Insect Grain Research	\$285,000
Animal Science Food Safety Consortium (with Kansas, Arkansas and Iowa)	\$1,400,000
International Livestock Program	\$95,000

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