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DOLE, KASSEBAUM CLEAR WAY FOR NEW KU BIOSCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER; \$6.5 MILLION FUNDING MEASURE PASSES SENATE

Washington, D.C. -- Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum announced today Senate approval of a \$6.5 million funding measure for a major new bioscience research center at the University of Kansas.

Dole insisted that the \$6.5 million authorization package for the new BioScience Research and High Technology Center be included in a bill to extend the authorization of funds for research at the Robert A. Taft Institute in New York.

"We have cleared a huge hurdle for this exciting new addition to our state's higher education network. It is a project that will strengthen the economic position of Kansas as a center for biosciences research. No doubt about it, this is a priority project," Dole said.

Dole added that the new KU BioScience Research and High Tech Center will enable the university to combine significant multi-disciplinary research activities in the biosciences into one facility.

"This bioscience research center will support research and development that has the potential for important commercial applications not only in Kansas but around the world, too," Dole said.