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DOLE ANNOUNCES \$583,888 FOR MANHATTAN AIRPORT

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) announced today that the Manhattan Municipal Airport will receive \$583,888 in FY90 formula money from the Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration. The funding is from the Airport Improvement Program included in the Aviation Trust Fund.

"This funding is important for economic development in Manhattan and the surrounding area. It's good to know that Aviation Trust Fund money is being spent on worthy projects in Kansas," said Dole.

The money will go toward phase II of an apron construction project.



FACT: ON AUGUST 4, 1987 -- AFTER A FULL-SCALE LOBBYING EFFORT BY THEN SECRETARY OF TREASURY JIM BAKER -- THE CONGRESS FINALLY PASSED A \$10.8 BILLION RECAPITALIZATION PLAN.

FACT: IF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S \$15 BILLION RECAPITALIZATION PLAN HAD BEEN PROMPTLY ADOPTED BY CONGRESS, THE SIZE OF THE SAVINGS AND LOAN BAIL-OUT WOULD BE MUCH SMALLER TODAY.

FACT: DURING THE FSLIC RECAPITALIZATION DEBATE, CONGRESSMAN JIM LEACH OF IOWA OFFERED AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD HAVE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED THE BANK BOARD TO PROHIBIT STATE-CHARTERED THRIFTS FROM MAKING DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN CERTAIN "UNSAFE OR UNSOUND" ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SUCH SO-CALLED "TRADITIONAL" THRIFT ACTIVITIES AS THE FINANCING OF WINDMILLS, RACETRACKS, HAMBURGER JOINTS, AND STUD FARMS.

THE S&L HIGH-FLYERS WON OUT IN THE END, WHEN THE AMENDMENT FAILED OVERWHELMINGLY IN SUBCOMMITTEE BY A VOTE OF 7 TO 30. WHEN EXPLAINING HIS VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, ONE CONGRESSMAN STATED THAT "WE HAVE NOT HAD HEARINGS ON HOW DIRECT INVESTMENTS...HAVE INJURED THE SAVINGS AND LOAN INDUSTRY. WE ARE MAKING OUT OF THIS A SITUATION THAT [SIMPLY] DOESN'T EXIST."

FACT: CONGRESSMAN STAN PARRIS OF VIRGINIA OFFERED AN AMENDMENT REQUIRING THRIFTS TO PHASE-IN "GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES" OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. DESPITE GAAP'S WIDE ACCEPTANCE IN THE ACCOUNTING AND BUSINESS COMMUNITIES, THE AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED OVERWHELMINGLY BY VOICE VOTE.

FINALLY, LET ME JUST ADD THAT CONGRESS DIDN'T PASS A PERFECT BAILOUT BILL LAST YEAR.

IT'S A BILL RIDDLED WITH CONFLICTING GOALS FOR THE RTC THAT MAKE IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE RTC TO DO ITS JOB.

THE RTC, FOR EXAMPLE, IS SUPPOSED TO DISPOSE OF ASSETS QUICKLY, BUT IT IS PROHIBITED FROM "DUMPING" THESE ASSETS INTO SOFT REAL ESTATE MARKETS. THE RTC IS SUPPOSED TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE RETURN ON THE ASSETS, YET CERTAIN PROPERTIES MUST BE OFFERED TO LOW-INCOME GROUPS FOR UP TO 90 DAYS. AND THE RTC IS SUPPOSED TO UTILIZE THE PRIVATE SECTOR, YET MANY OF THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST PROVISIONS MAKE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

WITH THESE KINDS OF CONGRESSIONALLY-MANDATED REQUIREMENTS, IT'S A MINOR MIRACLE THAT THE RTC CAN REDUCE ITS ASSET INVENTORY AT ALL.

CONCLUSION

THIS IS JUST A SMALL SLICE OF THE S&L CONGRESS' OWN DREARY LEGISLATIVE RECORD ON THE SAVINGS AND LOAN DISASTER.

IT IS A RECORD STREWN WITH NEGLIGENCE, WITH LOST OPPORTUNITIES, AND FRANKLY, WITH A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ARROGANCE.

SO I HAVE TO SHAKE MY HEAD WHEN I SEE THESE ORCHESTRATED CONGRESSIONAL ATTACKS ON THE PRESIDENT

THREE YEARS AGO, THE WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "S&L'S IN TROUBLE."

ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, CONGRESS WAS THEN "HARD AT WORK" ON A BILL TO MAKE "S&L REGULATION WEAKER THAN EVER."

THE EDITORIAL GOES ON -- AND I QUOTE:

"THE [REAGAN] ADMINISTRATION WANTS TO SHUT DOWN THE BANKRUPT [THRIFTS]. IT WANTS TO RAISE THE DEPOSIT INSURANCE PREMIUMS THAT S&L'S PAY AND SHORE UP THE INSURANCE FUND. IT WANTS TO CRACK DOWN ON THE LOOSE PRACTICES THAT GOT THOSE FAILED S&L'S INTO TROUBLE. BUT THE SENATE'S [THRIFT RECAPITALIZATION] BILL IS INADEQUATE, AND THE HOUSE'S IS A POSITIVE MENACE."

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE "SAVINGS AND LOAN" CONGRESS DID NOT HEED THESE WORDS THREE YEARS AGO.

I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THE FULL TEXT OF THE EDITORIAL BE REPRINTED IN THE RECORD IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY REMARKS.

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