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DOLE, KASSEBAUM TO MEET WITH SANTA FE CHAIRMAN ROBERT KREBS

WASHINGTON - KANSAS SENATORS BOB DOLE AND NANCY KASSEBAUM (R-KS) WILL MEET WITH SANTA FE PACIFIC CORPORATION CHAIRMAN ROBERT D. KREBS WEDNESDAY MORNING IN THE SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER'S CAPITOL OFFICE. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO DISCUSS RAILROAD ABANDONMENT ISSUES AND SANTA FE'S CURRENT AND FUTURE PLANS INVOLVING KANSAS.

"THE AMERICAN RAILROAD INDUSTRY IS AT A CROSSROADS," SAID SENATOR DOLE. "SANTA FE IS CRITICAL TO THE KANSAS ECONOMY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SENATOR KASSEBAUM AND I UNDERSTAND FULLY AND COMPLETELY SANTA FE'S COMMITMENT TO KANSAS."

THE KANSAS SENATORS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING INCREASED RAILROAD ABANDONMENT ACTIONS IN KANSAS. KANSAS GRAIN SHIPPERS AND OTHER USERS OF RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY ISOLATED BY RAILROAD ABANDONMENT ACTIONS. IN ADDITION, THE KANSAS SENATORS HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH STATE TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS TO EXPLORE WAYS TO DEVELOP SHORT-LINE RAILROAD LINES WHERE MAIN-LINE SERVICE IS UNPROFITABLE.

FOLLOWING THE 10:15 AM MEETING, PRESS AVAILABILITY WILL OCCUR IN S-230.