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## **NEXRAD TORNADO RADAR**

### **NEXRAD RADAR FUNDING GAINS SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVAL; SEVERE WEATHER DETECTING SYSTEM SLATED FOR DODGE CITY - WICHITA - GOODLAND - TOPEKA**

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that funding to complete Kansas installation of the NEXRAD Doppler radar, the high-tech severe weather detection radar, has cleared a major hurdle in the Senate. The Senate Appropriations Committee today, at the request of Senator Dole, approved funding as part of the National Weather Service's modernization program. Four Kansas cities - Dodge City, Wichita, Goodland and Topeka - are slated to receive the radar.

"When it comes to early and accurate warning of fierce weather, be it tornados, hailstorms, blizzards, droughts or floods, every second counts. That's what makes this next generation of high-tech warning equipment so vital to Kansas," said Dole. "1991 was a record year for tornados in Kansas with 116 reported last year, so I'm pleased that once this critical program is completed, Kansas will be the first state in the nation with complete Doppler coverage," said Dole.

Last year, Senator Dole secured initial funding to begin the process of installing 4 NEXRAD radars in Kansas.

The National Weather Service has slated 4 Kansas sites to receive the advanced NEXRAD system. Dodge City had the system installed in December, 1991, where it is currently being tested. It will be permanently operationally in February, 1993.

The National Weather Service approximates the target dates for the systems for Wichita, Goodland, and Topeka as follows:

Wichita - delivery date - August, 1992  
in use by October, 1992  
permanently installed May, 1993

Goodland - delivery date - September, 1992  
in use by November, 1992  
permanently installed June, 1993

Topeka - delivery date - April, 1993  
in use by June, 1993  
permanently installed January, 1994

The committee, at the request of Senator Dole, approved the funding as part of the FY1993 Commerce, State and Justice Appropriations bill. The measure now goes to the full Senate for approval.

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**AND IF YOU LIKE BIG GOVERNMENT, YOU'LL LOVE BILL CLINTON.** SINCE 1983, BILL CLINTON HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED STATE GOVERNMENT SPENDING. AND JUDGING BY WHAT'S HAPPENED AT THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, IT LOOKS LIKE BILL CLINTON BELIEVES IN THE BIGGEST BUREAUCRACY THE TAXPAYERS CAN BUY. SINCE 1983, ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AT THE DEPARTMENT HAVE SHOT UP AN UNBELIEVABLE 3,012%! AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE STATE PAYROLL, BILL CLINTON MAKES NEW YORK GOVERNOR MARIO CUOMO LOOK LIKE A REAL SPENDTHRIFT. THANKS TO BILL CLINTON, ARKANSAS HAS 70% MORE STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES PER RESIDENT THAN NEW YORK. AND WHEN IT COMES TO REDUCING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING, THE ONLY SPECIFIC PROGRAM THAT GOVERNOR CLINTON WANTS TO ELIMINATE IS THE HONEY BEE PROGRAM. AND THAT MAY BE A TOUGH BATTLE, CONSIDERING HIS OWN RUNNING MATE HAS VOTED TO KEEP THE PROGRAM ALIVE TIME AFTER TIME.

SO, WE'VE SEEN WHAT GOVERNOR CLINTON HAS DONE WITH ARKANSAS' \$2.1 BILLION BUDGET -- IMAGINE WHAT HE'D DO IF HE GOT HIS HANDS ON THE TAX DOLLARS OF EVERYONE IN THE 49 OTHER STATES, WITH HIS \$150 BILLION TAX INCREASE, AND \$220 BILLION IN EXTRAVAGANT NEW SPENDING.

#### THE ANTI-CHANGE, ANTI-REFORM STATUS QUO DEMOCRAT MAJORITY

WE'VE HEARD A LOT THIS YEAR ABOUT "CHANGE," BUT LET'S FACE IT -- THANKS TO BILL CLINTON'S CAPITOL HILL ALLIES, THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY, WE'VE SEEN LITTLE CHANGE AND A LOT OF STATUS QUO. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, OUR FRIENDS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AISLE HAVE EARNED THE ANTI-CHANGE, ANTI-REFORM, STATUS QUO LABEL. WE COULD ALREADY HAVE SERIOUS REFORMS IN PLACE RIGHT NOW MOVING AMERICA FORWARD IF THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY HAD NOT PUT POLITICS FIRST AND AMERICA LAST. LET'S LOOK AT SOME MORE FACTS.

#### AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

IN HIS STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE, PRESIDENT BUSH CHALLENGED CONGRESS TO ENACT A JOB-CREATING ECONOMIC GROWTH PACKAGE. AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE INCENTIVES FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS, AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE CAPITAL GAINS RATE REDUCTION AND URBAN ENTERPRIZE ZONES, AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE HELP FOR WORKING FAMILIES WITH A \$500 PER CHILD INCREASE IN THE PERSONAL EXEMPTION, AND AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE NEW INCENTIVES TO BOOST SMALL BUSINESSES. WELL, IT'S 178 DAYS LATER, AND WHAT DID AMERICA GET? ZERO -- MORE OF THE STATUS QUO FROM THE ANTI-CHANGE, ANTI-REFORM DEMOCRAT CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY.

#### AMERICAN COULD ALREADY HAVE HEALTH CARE REFORM

ON FEBRUARY 6TH, PRESIDENT BUSH UNVEILED HIS COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE REFORM PLAN TO HELP BRING AFFORDABLE INSURANCE WITHIN THE REACH OF MORE AMERICANS. AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET REFORM TO MAKE COVERAGE MORE AVAILABLE AND LESS COSTLY, AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE MONEY-SAVING HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM, AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE MALPRACTICE REFORM TO FIGHT SKYROCKETING HEALTH COSTS. WHAT DID AMERICA GET? ZERO.

AND WHEN THE PRESIDENT PROPOSED BIG FUNDING INCREASES FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS, HEALTHY START, INFANT MORTALITY, WIC NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE, HEADSTART AND ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE/CHILDCARE SERVICES, THE HOUSE LABOR APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE CUT \$308 MILLION FROM THE PRESIDENT'S REQUESTS FOR IMMUNIZATIONS, HEALTHY START, INFANT MORTALITY AND HEAD START.

#### AMERICAN COULD ALREADY HAVE SCHOOL CHOICE

THREE YEARS AGO, TO BOOST EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, PRESIDENT BUSH SUBMITTED HIS COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION REFORM BILL, AMERICA 2000, AND SUBMITTED A REVISED PLAN IN 1991. THE PRESIDENT HAS PROPOSED BIG FUNDING INCREASES FOR NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS, INCLUDING MORE FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN, MORE FOR CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND A RECORD INCREASE FOR HEAD START. AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE FEDERAL AID FOR STATE AND LOCAL "GI BILLS" FOR CHILDREN, TO HELP LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES WITH SCHOLARSHIPS TO USE AT THE SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE. BUT WHEN IT COMES TO SCHOOL CHOICE, WHAT DID AMERICA GET? ZERO. YEAR AFTER YEAR, THE CHOICE FOR THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY HAS BEEN POLITICS OVER EDUCATION REFORM.

#### AMERICAN COULD ALREADY HAVE TOUGH ANTI-CRIME BILL

ON MARCH 11, 1991, PRESIDENT BUSH CHALLENGED CONGRESS TO APPROVE HIS COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-CRIME BILL TO HELP MAKE NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE AND KEEP DANGEROUS CRIMINALS BEHIND BARS. AMERICA COULD ALREADY HAVE REAL REFORM THAT INCLUDES AN ENFORCEABLE FEDERAL DEATH PENALTY FOR THE MOST HEINOUS CRIMES, AN END TO LIMITLESS AND COSTLY APPEALS, AND PROVISIONS TO KEEP OBVIOUSLY GUILTY CRIMINALS FROM GOING FREE ON TECHNICALITIES.

IT'S 502 DAYS LATER, AND WHAT DID AMERICA GET? ZERO.

#### THE DEMOCRATS' FURIOUS POT-SHOT FRENZY

WHEN IT COMES TO PARTISAN SNIPING, THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY TAKES THE GOLD MEDAL, THE SILVER AND THE BRONZE. IN RECENT MONTHS, DEMOCRAT SENATORS HAVE BEEN ON A FURIOUS POT SHOT FRENZY, PILING CHEAP SHOT AFTER CHEAP SHOT ON PRESIDENT BUSH. IN FACT, SINCE JANUARY ALONE, DEMOCRAT SENATORS HAVE MENTIONED PRESIDENT BUSH 683 TIMES ON THIS FLOOR -- MAYBE A FEW NEUTRAL COMMENTS HERE OR THERE, BUT I FEEL SAFE IN SAYING THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF REFERENCES HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLIMENTARY.

SURE, PRESIDENT BUSH'S POLL NUMBERS ARE DOWN, BUT IT'S NO WONDER -- THE DEMOCRAT CONGRESSIONAL MAJORITY HASN'T LIFTED A FINGER FOR THE PRESIDENT OR HIS REFORM AGENDA FOR THE PAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS.