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DOLE ANNOUNCES SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVAL FOR KANSAS PROJECTS;
WICHITA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, HASKELL INDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE,
SANTA FE TRAIL, NATIONAL WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN, ABANDONED
MINE PROGRAM, AND TOPEKA'S MONROE SCHOOL HISTORIC SITE INITIATIVE

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today Senate Committee approval to fund several Kansas projects including Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, the Environmental Education Center in Wichita and the Santa Fe Trail. The committee also approved funding for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, which includes several Kansas projects, and the Rural Abandoned Mine Program, a program which was recently initiated in Kansas.

"I'm pleased the committee has agreed to fund these priority initiatives," Dole said. "Upon final approval, these funds will contribute to the preservation of our state's tremendous wildlife, wetland and historic resources, and boost our homestate education. I'm also pleased that the committee approved much needed funding to reclaim abandoned mines and promote safety."

The funding is included in the 1993 Interior Appropriations bill which was approved today by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The measure now goes to the full Senate.

Dole-backed projects in the funding measure include:

HASKELL INDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE, LAWRENCE - \$4.746 MILLION

The committee approved \$3 million for phase two of a dormitory expansion project. \$1.746 million was also included for the college's operating budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, WICHITA - \$4 MILLION

The committee approved \$4 million for construction of the center. The land has already been purchased. Funding for planning and design of the center was included by Senator Dole in last year's bill.

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SANTA FE TRAIL - \$150,000

The committee included \$150,000 to develop the Santa Fe Trail in Kansas. The funding would be used to hire additional personnel, to certify sites as well as to build displays and parking at historic sites along the trail.

NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The committee approved \$11 million for President Bush's management plan for this nationwide conservation program which includes wetlands restoration projects throughout the country. Kansas has applied for \$1.18 million to fund conservation programs for several sites including McPherson wetlands, the playa lakes, and Cheyenne Bottoms.

RURAL ABANDONED MINE PROGRAM (RAMP)

The committee included \$15 million for the national Rural Abandoned Mine Program, run by the Soil Conservation Service. Earlier this year, the Soil Conservation Service committed funding to establish a Kansas program.

BROWN V. BROWN BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOPEKA

At Senators Dole's request, language was included to instruct the National Park Service to fund a general management plan for establishing the Monroe School as a National Historic site. The study will begin as soon as a bill establishing the Monroe school as a National Historic Site is signed into law.

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