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SENATE APPROVES DOLE-BACKED KANSAS PROJECTS:

- ◆ **LEAVENWORTH VA FACILITY**
- ◆ **HUTCHINSON COSMOSPHERE**
- ◆ **WICHITA PLANEVIEW IMPROVEMENTS**
- ◆ **TOPEKA LAW ENFORCEMENT**
- ◆ **OLATHE DRUG COUNSELING**
- ◆ **KU POLLUTION RESEARCH**

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the U.S. Senate has approved funding for several key Kansas projects backed by Dole, including construction of the Leavenworth VA domiciliary, science education programs at the Hutchinson Cosmosphere, infrastructure improvements for Planeview in Wichita, a new law enforcement facility in Topeka, a drug treatment center in Olathe and a pollution research project at the University of Kansas.

"I'm pleased that the full Senate has given its seal of approval to these important Kansas initiatives to help many of our state's veterans, students, police officers, low income residents and people in need of drug counseling services," said Dole.

The Dole-backed Kansas projects are included in the 1993 Veterans Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill. The measure now goes to a House/Senate conference committee before final approval by both houses of Congress.

LEAVENWORTH VA DOMICILIARY - \$28.725 MILLION

The Senate approved President Bush's request of \$28.725 million for construction of a new domiciliary at the Veteran's Administration facility. The project would consolidate Veterans Administration services, improve access to services, and increase long-term nursing care facilities for more than 119,000 in-patients and out-patients. The design phase is close to completion. Dole initiated this project with a request for planning funds in 1988.

"Expanding the quality medical services our veterans have earned is a priority," Dole said. "When this much-needed facility is completed, it will provide vital health care services to thousands who have served America," said Dole.

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HUTCHINSON COSMOSPHERE, HUTCHINSON - \$2 MILLION

The committee approved \$2 million to expand the capacity for science enrichment workshops, teacher in-service training, seminars, and lectures at the Cosmosphere. The funding, requested by Dole, is part of a \$12.7 million addition doubling the size of the Cosmosphere's facilities.

"This funding will help enhance education programs for the more than 50,000 students and teachers who participate in the Cosmosphere's informative seminars and training workshops every year. I'm pleased the Senate is continuing to support one of the Heartland's great learning centers," Dole said.

PLANEVIEW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WICHITA - \$1.2 MILLION

\$1.2 million was approved by the Senate for major infrastructure improvements in Planeview, a low income area in Wichita. The project includes replacing water mains and service lines, replacing sidewalks, streets and curbs and routine maintenance of the area.

"This much needed funding will help to significantly upgrade the infrastructure in the Planeview area," said Dole.

NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY, TOPEKA - \$1 MILLION

The Senate approved \$1 million to assist with purchasing an abandoned Montgomery Ward department store and renovating it into a law enforcement facility. Total estimated cost of the project is \$6 million -- \$2.3 million to purchase the property and \$3.7 for renovation.

"It's important that we upgrade law enforcement facilities for our police officers on the front lines in middle America, not just the major East Coast urban centers. By renovating an already existing building, this project will serve as an efficient way to upgrade Topeka's law enforcement facilities. This renovation will also play an important role in reinvigorating downtown Topeka," said Dole.

CYPRESS DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY PROGRAM, OLATHE - \$250,000

The Senate approved \$250,000 for the Olathe Cypress Drug and Alcohol Recovery Program to continue counseling services.

"I'm pleased the Senate has approved funding to help this vital counseling facility continue to assist Kansans striving to put their lives back together," said Dole.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ENVIRONMENT NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROJECT, LAWRENCE - \$1.45 MILLION

The Senate approved \$1.45 million for third-year funding of the nonpoint source pollution project located at KU and jointly researched with Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

"By monitoring streams and other water resources, this important research project is helping us determine ways to limit the problem of agricultural run-off. The results of this study will be an integral part of a large scale EPA study of nonpoint source pollution in the Midwest," said Dole.

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KANSAS HOSPITAL PROGRAMS RECEIVING
ESSENTIAL ACCESS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL PROGRAM FUNDS

Kansas Office of Local and Rural Health Systems, Topeka	\$288,552
Attica	
Attica Hospital District	\$168,000
Baxter Springs	
Baxter Memorial Hospital	\$133,640
Dighton	
Lane County Hospital	\$168,000
Ellinwood	
Ellinwood District Hospital	\$168,000
Garden City	
St. Catherine Hospital	\$168,000
Great Bend	
Central Kansas Medical Center	\$168,000
Hays	
Hays Medical Center	\$150,360
Hoxie	
Sheridan County Hospital	\$152,040
Lakin	
Kearny County Hospital	\$168,000
Leoti	
Wichita County Hospital	\$168,000
Manhattan	
Memorial Hospital Association	\$ 81,052
Mankato	
Jewell County Hospital	\$ 73,752
Minneapolis	
Ottawa County Hospital	\$ 82,530
Oswego	
Oswego Memorial Hospital	\$130,994
Parsons	
Labette County Medical Center	\$151,112
Ransom	
Grisell Memorial Hospital	\$142,800
Salina	
Asbury-Salina Regional Medical Center	\$ 95,130
St. John	
St. John Primary Care Hospital	\$168,000
Syracuse	
Hamilton County Hospital	\$168,000
Tribune	
Greeley County Hospital	\$168,000
Wamego	
Wamego City Hospital	\$112,455
Westmoreland	
Dechair Hospital	\$ 50,492
TOTAL	<u>\$3,324,908</u>