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DOLE PROJECTS WIN FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL
SIX KANSAS PRIORITIES HEAD TO PRESIDENT'S DESK.

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

WASHINGTON - Several key Kansas projects fought for by Kansas Senator Bob Dole won final Congressional approval Friday night. The projects include construction of the Leavenworth VA domiciliary, 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. Dole also won a doubling in earlier approved funding for science education programs at the Hutchinson Cosmosphere.

"I'm pleased that both the House and Senate agree with me that funding these important Kansas priorities will 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 projects are included in the FY1993 Veterans Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill today, which the Senate gave final approval to Friday night. The measure now goes to President Bush for his signature.

LEAVENWORTH VA DOMICILIARY - \$28.725 MILLION

\$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.

"The new Leavenworth domiciliary has been a longtime priority, and this funding is a major victory for Leavenworth and for our veterans. 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. "This is also a major construction project and that will mean lots of jobs."

HUTCHINSON COSMOSPHERE, HUTCHINSON - \$4 MILLION

During conference committee action, Dole secured \$2 million in addition to the \$2 million approved earlier by the Senate, for a total of \$4 million to expand the capacity for science enrichment workshops, teacher in-service training, seminars, and lectures at the Cosmosphere. The funding 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 that the conference committee agreed with me to further boost support for one of the Heartland's great learning centers," Dole said.

PLANEVIEW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WICHITA - \$1.2 MILLION

\$1.2 million was approved 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

\$1 million was approved 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.

"I'm pleased that Topeka will now be able to begin the important task of upgrading its law enforcement facilities. It's vital that we provide our police men and women adequate facilities to support the many critical services they perform for the Topeka community. This renovation project is an efficient way to upgrade Topeka's law enforcement facilities and it will also play an important role in reinvigorating downtown Topeka," said Dole.

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

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

"I'm pleased that Congress agreed with my request to help this vital counseling facility continue providing critical services to many Kansans in need," said Dole.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ENVIRONMENT NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROJECT, LAWRENCE - \$1.5 MILLION

\$1.5 million was approved 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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