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DOLE ANNOUNCES FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR KANSAS PROJECTS

- ♦ **WICHITA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**
- ♦ **HASKELL INDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE**
- ♦ **NATIONAL WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN**
- ♦ **RURAL ABANDONED MINE PROGRAM**
- ♦ **TOPEKA'S MONROE SCHOOL HISTORIC SITE INITIATIVE**

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate Wednesday gave final Congressional approval to fund several Kansas projects sponsored by Senator Bob Dole. The projects include funding for Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, the Environmental Education Center in Wichita, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, which includes several Kansas sites, and the Rural Abandoned Mine Program, a program which was recently initiated in Kansas.

"I'm pleased that both the House and Senate support these outstanding Kansas projects. It is important that we continue to preserve our state's wildlife and wetland resources," said Dole. "I'm also pleased that Congress has agreed with me and Senator Kassebaum to support continued funding for Haskell, one of our state's great educational institutions. Furthermore, it's important that we continue to fund the RAMP program which recognizes the critical need in reclaiming abandoned mines and promoting safety," added Dole.

The funding is included in the conference report to the FY1993 Interior Appropriations bill which was approved today by the United States Senate. The measure now goes to President Bush for his signature.

Kansas projects in the funding measure include:

HASKELL INDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE, LAWRENCE - $4.846 MILLION
$3 million for phase two of a dormitory expansion project and $1.746 million was included for the college's operating budget. The Conference also agreed to $100,000 for a teacher training program, which was added in the House.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, WICHITA - $2 MILLION

$2 million was approved 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.

NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN

$9.25 million for President Bush's management plan for this nationwide conservation program which includes wetlands restoration projects throughout the country. Kansas has applied for $2.5 million to fund conservation programs for several sites including McPherson wetlands, the playa lakes, and Cheyenne Bottoms.

RURAL ABANDONED MINE PROGRAM (RAMP)

$13.5 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 program in Kansas.

"Reclaiming mine-scarred land is always a plus, but just as important, so is closing up these open pit killers that threaten our young Kansans playing outdoors," said Dole.

BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOPEKA

At Senators Dole's request, language was included in the Senate report and Conference to instruct the National Park Service to fund a general management plan for establishing the Monroe School as a National Historic site, significant for its role in the Brown vs. Board of Education civil rights case. The funds will be released as soon as legislation establishing the Monroe School as a National Historic Site is signed into law.

"The Monroe School has earned a special place in American history. This legislation will move us closer to the national recognition this Kansas landmark deserves," said Dole.

Senator Dole expects the Senate will act quickly to pass a bill establishing the Monroe School as a National Historic Site.

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