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SENATE COMMITTEE INCLUDES DOLE REQUEST FOR BOURBON COUNTY FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that the U.S. Senate will soon be considering legislation including his request for a \$2 million grant for Bourbon County flood relief assistance. The Senate Committee on Appropriations included the funding in the 1995 VA/HUD Appropriations Bill, expected to come to the Senate floor soon for approval.

"Several counties in Southeast Kansas were affected by flooding this past April, causing severe damage to numerous homes and businesses," said Dole. "This grant for Bourbon County would assist in the relocation of numerous businesses in Ft. Scott from the flood plain to an industrial park on higher ground.

"The committee's approval is the first step in acquiring full congressional support for relief assistance," Dole added.
"This request is a high priority, and we'll stay on top of this as it moves through the Senate."

Although Southeast Kansas received a state disaster declaration, a Presidential disaster declaration was not granted because the State failed to file an application within 30 days, making Bourbon County unable to obtain assistance.