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SENATE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZES CONSTRUCTION OF HALSTEAD FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) announced today that a Senate Environment and Public Works subcommittee has included an authorization for construction of the Halstead Local Flood Control project, at a current estimated cost of \$5.3 million, in legislation presently pending before the committee.

Earlier this year, Dole wrote to Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska), chairman of the Senate committee, citing the great need for the project and urging the committee to approve the funding.

"I am extremely pleased that the committee members have recognized the urgency of this project," Dole said. "The recent severe floods in Halstead underline the continuing need for flood protection in this area."

In the letter to Senator Gravel earlier this year, Dole said, "The city of Halstead is vulnerable to flooding from the Little Arkansas River and would suffer considerable damage, as well as a potential loss of life, if another major flood should occur."

The Environment and Public Works Committee and full Senate must still give final approval to this funding. Dole has contacted the committee to ensure that the project is retained in the final legislation.