

## News from Senator

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### DARRELL TRENT UNDERSTANDS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM OF MIDWEST

WASHINGTON -- The following is a statement made today by Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) before the Senate Commerce Committee on Darrell Trent on his nomination as Deputy Secretary of Transportation:

"It is my pleasure this morning to introduce Darrell Trent to the Senate Commerce Committee. Mr. Trent is President-elect Reagan's nominee to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

"I take particular pride in presenting Darrell because he was born and raised in Kansas. It is reassuring to know that the top people at the new Department of Transportation will understand the unique transportation problems of the Midwest," Dole said.

"More importantly, Darrell has exactly the kind of experience we need in government. He has met a payroll in private business, as Chairman of the Board of Corporations dealing in property management, transportation and merchandising. He has worked in academia, lecturing and writing on a vast number of topics at Stanford's Hoover Institution. Finally, he has broad experience in government, including White House staff and the Office of Emergency Preparedness," said Dole.

"This rare combination of experience and skills will service Secretary-designate Drew Lewis well. Darrell's ability to analyze complex issues and his understanding of the ins and outs of Washington will be tempered with a real understanding of what it all means to the people in this country who depend on our transportation system.

"The coming years will be important ones in transportation. We must face the deterioration of our highway system and continue the restructuring of our railroads. We must assess the future of mass transit in our cities and assure that the deregulation of our airlines, the trucking industry and our railroads continues smoothly.

"As the representative of a state whose transportation system has been disrupted in recent years, I can attest to the difficulty of the problems the Department of Transportation will face. I recommend Darrell Trent to this Committee as a man qualified to do the job," Dole concluded.