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DOLE CALLS FOR INTERNAL AMTRAK STUDY OF MIDWEST ROUTES

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole, R.-Kan., joined Congresswoman Virginia Smith, R.-Neb., Senator Edward Zorinsky, D.-Neb., and Nebraska Governor Charles Thone in calling for an internal Amtrak study to evaluate new passenger service for midwest states.

The original request, made by Rep. Smith and Governor Thone on January 8, calls on Alan Boyd, President of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, to consider a daytime route connecting Kansas City to Denver, via Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, Kearney, North Platte and Ogallala.

"If you live in Kansas, you have to get up pretty early in the morning to miss a train," said Dole. Kansas is currently served by the Southwest Limited, which travels through Kansas between the hours of 12:25 a.m. and 7:25 a.m., and does not make the same stops as the new route being proposed.