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## BILL WOULD RESOLVE KANSAS-MISSOURI BORDER PROBLEM, DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum, and Missouri Senators John Danforth and Thomas Eagleton, today introduced legislation to officially define the boundary between their states.

Representative Jim Jeffries (R.-Kan.), along with other members of the Kansas and Missouri House delegations, has introduced similar legislation in the House of Representatives.

"This bill will grant congressional approval to an agreement reached by unanimous votes in both state legislatures, and solve a problem of significant legal importance," said Senator Dole.

The exact location of the boundary has been in question since a flood near St. Joseph, Mo., in 1952 altered the Missouri River channel. Fifteen years later, the state legislatures created select committees, which agreed that a survey should be conducted to determine the deep water line of the abandoned channel, which would become the official boundary.

The survey was completed in 1980. That year, the Kansas legislature unanimously approved legislation to designate the boundary, and the Missouri legislature echoed that action in 1981. The effective date of those bills awaits congressional approval.

Dole said that this legislation would answer a "long-standing problem with a concrete solution which finds everyone in complete accord."