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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR WSU AVIATION FUNDING CLEARS SENATE

(Washington, DC) -- The Senate has approved a proposal by Kansas Sen. Bob Dole for \$3.5 million in funds for a new aviation institute at Wichita State University.

In a vote of 84-13, the Senate on Wednesday adopted the fiscal 1986 appropriations for the Department of Transportation. Sen. Dole had proposed the \$3.5 million be included in the appropriations bill during committee consideration last month.

"I am pleased that Wichita State University's Institute on Aviation Research and Development is this much closer to becoming a reality," said Sen. Dole following the vote. "Wichita has played an important role in the history of aviation. The WSU institute will be a lasting resource to interface with and build upon the kind of expertise that we already have at WSU and in the Wichita area."

Dole noted that before the appropriations bill can be signed into law by the President, House and Senate conferees must agree on a reconciliation of differences between their respective bills. It will be up to the conferees to retain the WSU funding in the final version of the appropriations bill.

The funds, which would come from an already existing account and thus not add additional money to the federal budget, will have to be matched by private sources if approved and signed into law. They would be used to help construct new facilities for WSU's planned Institute on Aviation Research and Development.