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DOLE PRAISES ICC DECISION ON TRAILWAYS

Washington, DC -- The Interstate Commerce Commission's (ICC) ruling that Trailways Lines, Inc., must continue service on four of the five Kansas routes it was seeking to abandon is "a victory for common sense, for recognizing that people in rural areas have a need for dependable commercial transportation," according to U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-KS).

Sen. Dole, who had formally urged the ICC to deny the Trailways petition to discontinue its Kansas service, said, "Rural people have the same needs as their city cousins and must have access to the same basic services as urban areas. Today's ICC announcement is a victory for common sense, for recognizing that people in rural areas have a need for, and a right to, dependable commercial transportation."

The ICC ruling, reached May 11 but announced today, decrees Trailways must maintain service between Salina and Belleville on U.S. 81; between Salina and St. Francis on U.S. 24 and U.S. 36 via U.S. 81; between Manhattan and Marysville on U.S. 77 via U.S. 24; and between Kansas City and Pittsburg on U.S. 69, and also via Olathe and I-35.

The ICC ruling does permit Trailways to abandon service between Arkansas City and Galena on U.S. 166.

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