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DOLE RECOMMENDS KANSAN FOR EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) announced today his recommendation of Dr. Stanley Koplik, Topeka, for appointment to the National Advisory Commission on Student Financial Assistance. Koplik is currently the Executive Director of the Kansas Board of Regents. The appointment is made by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

"Stanley's vast experience and knowledge in all aspects of the state's higher education system along with his remarkable organizational and management skills prove him extremely capable to advise the Secretary of Education on student finance matters. He would bring an extensive understanding of the intricacies involved in fiscal responsibility for education policy to the advisory committee," said Dole.

Dr. Koplik has been executive director of the Kansas Board of Regents since June, 1982. During this tenure he established a three-year Margin of Excellence plan to gain statewide support for higher education programs in Kansas. Prior to that Koplik also served for three years as Commissioner of the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education. He also served two years as Director of Fiscal Affairs for the board. Koplik was responsible for the budget requests and education policy recommendations pertaining to institutional budget requests.

From 1971 to 1977, Koplik directed Kansas' fiscal and program needs for public institutions of higher education under the Board of Regents as well as elementary, secondary and postsecondary activities of the Kansas State Department of Education.

The Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, under the U.S. Department of Education, is comprised of 11 members who provide advice to the Secretary of Education and the Congress on student financial aid matters. The committee also reviews annually the need for the Pell Grant Program and other Federal student assistance programs. The committee also makes recommendations to maintain accessibility to post secondary education for low- and middle-income students.

Senator Nancy Kassebaum (R-Ks), ranking minority member on the Education subcommittee of the Labor and Human Resources Committee, has strongly backed Koplik for this appointment.