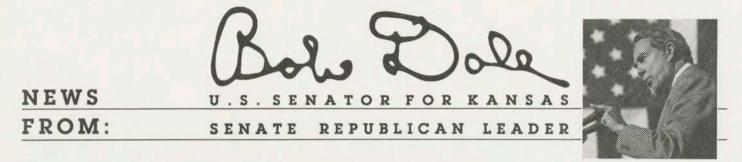
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HAYS WINS \$116,094 FOR AIRPORT UPGRADES

WASHINGTON - KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE HAYS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT HAS BEEN GRANTED \$116,094 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

ACCORDING TO DOLE, WHO BACKED THE HAYS PROJECT, THE FUNDS WILL HELP BUILD AN AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIREFIGHTING FACILITY AND CONSTRUCT A CONNECTING TAXIWAY.

THE FUNDING COMES FROM THE AVIATION TRUST FUND AND IS MADE SOLELY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SAMUEL SKINNER.

"THE HAYS AIRPORT IS A VITAL LINK FOR WESTERN KANSAS AIR TRANSPORTATION. KEEPING RURAL KANSAS AT THE FOREFRONT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY BY CONTINUING TO UPGRADE OUR AIR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IS VITAL IF WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY," SAID DOLE. "I WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH SECRETARY SKINNER TO MAKE SURE KANSAS RECEIVES ITS FAIR SHARE OF FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS."

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