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DOLE'S \$9.9 MILLION PROPOSAL TO RENOVATE
WICHITA COURTHOUSE CLEARS MAJOR HURDLE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole's (R-Kansas) amendment providing \$9.9 million dollars to renovate the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Wichita cleared a major hurdle late today when a Senate/House conference committee gave its approval to the 1992 Treasury and Postal Appropriations bill. The bill now goes to the full Senate and House for final approval before being sent to the President.

"The Wichita courthouse is the home for federal judges, U.S. Marshals and court-related agencies, and its been long overdue for major renovation," Dole said. "Let's face it, when you run out of room, the air conditioning and heating don't work, there's no place to park, offices are dilapidated, and one of your courtrooms doesn't even have a jury box, then you know it's time for a serious overhaul."

"There's talk this bill may be vetoed because of an unrelated matter, but today's action by the conference committee is a strong show of support for this worthwhile project." Dole added.

Among the elements of the renovation are the addition of 14,000 square feet of work space, construction of a 240 vehicle parking structure, renovation of two historic courtrooms, relocation and renovation of office space, and replacement of two 200-ton air chillers. The courthouse was built in 1932.

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