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SENATE PASSES VA/HUD CONFERENCE REPORT; DOLE'S PROJECTS APPROVED

-- \$1.75 MILLION FOR WICHITA'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM, KCK'S WYANDOTTE HOUSE, AND KCK'S SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) announced today that funding for three Kansas social service programs received final Congressional approval. Both the Senate and House passed the VA/HUD and Independent Agencies conference report which includes Dole's initiatives to provide \$500,000 for Wichita's Domestic Violence Program, \$750,000 for the Wyandotte House in Kansas City, Kansas, and \$500,000 for Kansas City, Kansas's social services program for the needy. The conference report now goes to President Bush for his signature.

"I'm pleased that Congress has agreed to fund these worthwhile projects dedicated to helping improve the lives of people in Kansas," said Dole.

Dole's projects approved today are:

WICHITA -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM -- \$500,000

Funds will be used to support the existing program. Includes increased intervention services for victims and assistance towards the prosecution of offenders.

"This program is a welcome addition to the fight against the increase in domestic violence. With these additional funds, this program will be able to provide additional intervention services for victims and assist towards the prosecution and treatment of offenders," said Dole.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS -- WYANDOTTE HOUSE -- \$750,000 Funds will be used to fund the construction of a new Children's Center at the Wyandotte House, a treatment center and shelter for abused, emotionally impaired and runaway children.

"This center has helped over 900 children since its beginning, providing education programs, mental health and social services, and day-to-day care -- services that are critically important to children who have been denied a happy and loving home, " said Dole.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS -- SOCIAL SERVICES -- \$500,000 Funds will be used to expand social services to the needy by providing professional staff services necessary to expand drug rehabilitation, day care, job training and placement, housing assistance and counseling, and education services.

"Kansas City, Kansas is working towards providing critical social services to our neediest neighbors -- assisting many people get on the right track and into the mainstream," said