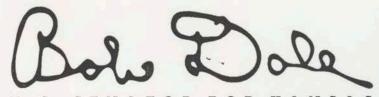
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\$8 MILLION FOR TOPEKA BUSES

DOLE REQUEST WINS KEY COMMITTEE APPROVAL:
FUNDING WILL PURCHASE 30 NEW BUSES ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED

WASHINGTON -- Thirty new buses accessible to the disabled will be traveling the streets of Topeka in the near future, according to Kansas Senator Bob Dole. Dole today announced that a Senate/House conference committee has approved his request to provide \$8 million for the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority (TMTA) to purchase 30 new buses with wheelchair lifts.

"This is good news for the Transit Authority and people with disabilities in Topeka," Dole said. "We've been working with city authorities on this important issue all year. These crucial funds will help the city comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and by providing greater accessibility to public transportation, these new buses will open new horizons in Topeka for people with disabilities."

The funding, requested by the TMTA and supported in Congress by Senator Dole, is included in the Department of Transportation Appropriations Bill. Final passage of the funding is expected in both houses of Congress by the end of the week.

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