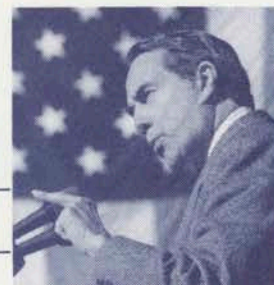


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SENATE COMMITTEE INCLUDES DOLE REQUEST FOR EMPORIA STATE
ELECTRONIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved his request to direct the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to fund an Emporia State University project to upgrade the school's electronic education network. The committee included the provision in the Department of Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary Appropriations bill for the coming fiscal year. The measure now goes to the full Senate for approval.

"Emporia State University is a leading institution in training for teachers. They currently provide teacher training courses through off-campus classes and an interactive audio-only education network with 36 sites in Kansas. The school also works with a number of school districts to provide advanced courses. This grant would replace the audio-only sites with an upgraded system that will enhance Emporia State's electronic education programs," said Dole.

"The committee's approval is the first step in acquiring full Congressional support for this information infrastructure grant. With Emporia State's vast experience in long-distance learning, it is my hope that the full Senate agrees that the university is certainly worthy of their support," said Dole.

The project would replace the audio-only sites operated by Emporia State with electronic classrooms joined by a fiber optic network.

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