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## Dole, Soviets discuss wheat sales

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As Kansas farmers continued the 1991 wheat harvest, U.S. political leaders continued to harvest good will from a delegation of Soviet officials.

Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., met Thursday with a delegation of Soviet trade officials. Dole said the meeting was assured by the Soviets they would honor their country's commitment to buy U.S. grain.



"We've had a very good meeting with the Russian delegation about what they're going to be buying in the so-called second purchase," Dole said after the meeting. "I've got to believe that they've committed to live up to the terms of the long-term grain agreement, which means they are going to be buying about 2.5 million metric tons of wheat, which will be about \$200 million of the next \$500 million installment."

The "second purchase" will be a second installment on the \$1.5 billion in credit granted to the Soviets earlier this month. Dole, along with House members Dan Glickman, D-Kan., and Pat Roberts, R-Kan., lobbied the adminis-

tration hard to approve the credit. The Soviets bought little wheat with the first installment this month of \$600 million. The second installment of credit will be for \$500 million in October with the final installment of \$400 million of credit going out in February 1992.

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Under the credit arrangement, private lenders make loans to the Soviets to buy U.S. commodities and the government guarantees repayment in the event of a default.

If the Soviets would buy 2.5

million metric tons of wheat, that would amount to 91.86 million bushels of grain, slightly more than the amount of wheat expected to be produced in south-central and southeast Kansas this year. Statewide, Kansas farmers are expected to harvest 367.2 million bushels of wheat.

At Thursday's closing cash price in Hutchinson of \$2.73 per bushel, 91.86 million bushels would be worth \$250.8 million.

Dole said that he was pushing for fair distribution of the grain the Soviets purchase. Earlier this year, the senator was concerned that the central government in the Soviet Union was using grain

to reward politically obedient republics and withholding it from independence-minded republics.

"So, all in all, it was a good meeting," Dole said. "We'll continue to press for what we believe to be a just distribution. I think we have a good understanding with the Soviets that were here today."

Thursday's Soviet group included Fedor Senko, deputy prime minister of the Soviet Union, five other officials and a translator.

Dole's announcement is good news for Kansas farmers, who are about halfway through the 1991 wheat harvest.

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Marshall, 82, announced his retirement Thursday. Dole described the action as a "complete surprise."

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By Barry Massey  
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## Dole doubts trash law will pass in '91

By Marc Ramsey  
The Hutchinson News

McPHERSON — Sen. Bob Dole said Saturday that it was unlikely Congress will pass legislation this year that would allow states to decide what to do about out-of-state trash.

Dole, who was in McPherson Saturday, toured the city's old landfill with 5th District Rep. Dick Nichols, of McPherson.

"I would say probably unlikely this year, but I can say every time another state gets involved — at least speaking from the Senate — you get a couple senators in it that may not have been in it before," Dole said.

"I think it'll probably happen. I would say a good chance maybe next year."

Dole said he still was pushing to get the "Coats bill" passed this year, though. Dole is a co-sponsor of the Coats bill — Senate Bill 153 — which was introduced by Sen. Dan Coats of Indiana to allow states to regulate certain solid waste.

"It's becoming more and more of a national policy issue as more and more landfills are open in more and more states," Dole said.

State Rep. Dale Sprague, R-McPherson, said legislation should be relatively easy to pass in both houses of the Kansas Legislature.

"We need to allow localities to make local decisions, and it's really the question of the quality of living and the environ-

ment," Sprague said. "The real issue here is not the permit to dump. It's the right to transport the garbage."

Sprague said the biggest obstacle will come at the federal level. He said legislation in the Senate should be easier to pass than in the House, whose members would be more likely to oppose restrictions on out-of-state trash because their districts need to export trash.

Dole and Nichols' tour was in response to letters and public concern regarding the landfill, which has been hauling in garbage from the East Coast.

The interim manager of the landfill, LeRoy Heidebrecht, showed the lawmakers some of the problems that landfill officials had corrected or were in the process of correcting.

Heidebrecht said landfill officials had followed Kansas Department of Health and Environment instructions to break up the bales of waste and bury it, to take care of the ponding that occurs when it rains, and to clean up the litter.

"We've seen the way that they've cleaned up," Nichols said. "I think here this morning we're interested and impressed by the way they're conforming to regulations. They're stymied by some of the double-talk they seem to get occasionally from the KDHE, which I've heard voiced before. We're just interested in looking more into this thing and doing what we can."

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## Former Air Force nurse talks with Dole

The Associated Press  
BASEHOR — A former Air Force nurse who was sentenced to six months in jail for using a leftover prescription drug met Sunday with Sen. Bob Dole to discuss the appeals in her case.



Former Capt. Carla Lancaster, who is expecting a baby in October, was released from a military jail in San Antonio, Texas, on Thursday, while the case is

being appealed through military channels.

"It was wonderful. The place was packed with people from Basehor and other supporters, and he (Dole) gave me a lot of optimism in what they were planning to do to get this issue taken care of for good," Mrs. Lancaster said in a telephone interview. "It was real pleasant and real uplifting."

A hearing on the case is planned during the next week or two, Mrs. Lancaster said.

"Based on the outcome of that hearing, the general will decide what to do. He will either overturn the conviction, sustain it or

lighten the sentence. He's got a lot of latitude," Mrs. Lancaster said.

While awaiting the hearing Mrs. Lancaster will return to work Monday at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio.

"I'm going to be in an administrative job," until the matter is resolved, she said.

Air Force officials have been closemouthed about the case, saying they were restricted in what they could reveal during the appeal process.

Mrs. Lancaster said the pills she took were left from a pre-

scription she received when her wisdom teeth were removed in 1988.

Mrs. Lancaster hurt her hip last summer by banging it on a kitchen counter. The hip still hurt about a month later, and she took some painkillers left over from a dental prescription. Later that morning she left for a 12-hour shift at the hospital, she said.

During her shift, officials learned that some syringes of Demerol had been drained and refilled with saline solution. They also believed some oxycodone might be missing.

After a supervisor pulled Mrs.

Lancaster aside, she admitted to feeling strange. A urinalysis showed traces of Tylox, which was what her dental prescription was for, and Demerol in her system.

At her May court martial, a jury of eight fellow officers cleared her of charges of stealing Demerol and wrongful use of Demerol but found her guilty of wrongful use of oxycodone, the active ingredient in Tylox. She was sentenced to six months in confinement and dismissal from the service.

Attorneys for both sides agreed that the jury's verdicts seemed inconsistent.