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File photo
Sen. Bob Dole speaks out against anti-abortion protesters.

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According to Dole, who backed the Hays project, the funds will help build an aircraft rescue and firefighting facility and construct a connecting taxiway. The funding comes from the aviation trust fund and is made solely at the discretion of Samuel Skinner, secretary of transportation.

"The Hays airport is a vital link for western Kansas air transportation. Keeping rural Kansas at the forefront of economic opportunity by continuing to upgrade our air transportation facilities is vital if we are going to be able to compete nationally and internationally," Dole said in a news release. "I will continue to work closely with Secretary Skinner to make sure Kansas receives its fair share of federal discretionary funds."

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He begins a 23-city tour of the state this weekend.

Sen. Dole Will Re-Introduce Legislation on Glass Ceiling

NESS CITY — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., Friday issued the following statement regarding the Department of Labor's "glass-ceiling" report, and announced that he would soon re-introduce legislation to further address the glass-ceiling issue:

The U.S. Department of Labor's report on the glass-ceiling confirms what many of us have suspected all along — the existence of so-called invisible, artificial barriers blocking women and minorities from advancing up the corporate ladder to management and executive-level positions.

I am delighted to see the release of the report — which was over a year long in the making — and believe it is an important step in understanding and removing these barriers to guarantee equal opportunity for everyone.

The whole point is to make the playing field level — to ensure that those who are qualified have access to the same opportunities as those who share similar qualifications.

While women and minorities make up over half the workforce, studies indicate that they hold less than 5 percent of senior management positions in big corporations — that represents only a 2-percent increase since 1979.

While there is no "right" or "correct" number, and my opposition to any notion of quotas couldn't be stronger, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to deduce that something is wrong out there.

Time to Re-Introduce Dole Glass-Ceiling Legislation
That's why I intend to re-introduce legislation on the glass ceiling which was part of "The Women's Equal Opportunity Act of 1991" that I offered back in February.

This glass-ceiling legislation, which I will introduce when Congress returns from the August recess, would establish a high-level government commission charged with building on the work of the Department of Labor to enhance our understanding of — and to expand the record with respect to — this important issue. It would also provide for a national award recognizing those businesses which have sought to promote opportunities for the advancement of women and minorities.

I hope to receive bipartisan support for this legislation and urge both houses of Congress to work quickly to send a bill to the president for his signature.

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In Wichita, a large rally scheduled for Aug.

25 is now being sponsored by a coalition of regional anti-abortion groups instead of Operation Rescue.

Since it was first announced weeks ago, Operation Rescue leaders have promoted the Hope in the Heartland event as the largest anti-abortion rally ever to be staged in Kansas and the next step in "making Wichita abortion-free."

Mary Wilkinson, spokeswoman for Hope in the Heartland Coalition, said Operation Rescue isn't part of the organization she represents.

"We'd like to be able to unify all of the pro-life groups in the city. And the way to do that, we believe, is to go ahead and move on with different activities other than what Operation Rescue has been doing in the past," she said.

Pat Mahoney of Boca Raton, Fla., an Operation Rescue leader, said he knows the general public will have trouble separating the rally from his group's activities.

"The rally is an outgrowth of what happened in the streets," he said. "Political change is always preceded by social tension."

The coalition of two dozen organizations credits Operation Rescue for developing the momentum that led to the rally. And, Wilkinson said, Operation Rescue leaders are quite willing to turn over leadership of the Wichita anti-abortion effort.

The group doesn't plan clinic blockades, but instead will pursue educational and legislative activities, Wilkinson said.

Another protester went to jail for 90 days Friday for defying Judge Kelly's order barring demonstrators from blocking access to two Wichita clinics.

Timothy P. Gilliam, 32, of Fort Wayne, Ind., had been arrested three times at clinic blockades.

Also Friday, about two dozen protesters were arrested in Indianapolis after they blocked the entrances to an abortion clinic as its doctor approached. The people arrested were part of a new group called Save A Life, a spokesman said.

And a petition drive is under way in Wyoming to put a ballot question outlawing abortion before voters in 1992. A similar petition is being circulated in Arizona.

Everyone stands to lose, Dole says

Coup may mean no cuts in U.S. military spending

By WAYNE LAUGESEN
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A coup in the Soviet Union will "chill everything" in the world, U.S. Sen. Bob Dole told about 150 people at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Monday.

"What I'm suggesting is it's bad news," said Dole, R-Kan. "It's bad news for the Soviet Union, bad news for the United States and bad news for the world."

Dole said the coup means the U.S. government probably won't cut the defense budget, as planned. That means money that would have been cut from defense won't be available to spend on other programs.

"A lot of what was going to be cut was money planned for other things, and those

are out the window now," Dole said.

He said the coup will hurt Kansas farmers because trade agreements, including the sale of wheat to the Soviets, will likely be on hold.

"The initial impact is that all the grain markets are down," Dole said.

Dole was on a 23-city tour of Kansas. He awoke in Seneca Monday to news that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev had been replaced by a ruling committee of conservative Communists.

"These are people who didn't want reform in the Soviet Union," Dole said. "It seems to me we're in a pretty delicate spot right now."

Although he sees the leadership change as disastrous, Dole did not have suggestions about how the United States should respond.

"It will take a while to determine exactly what happened and where it's going to go," Dole said.

Dole said the new hard-line rulers need the

United States if people in the Soviet Union are going to eat, and he does not expect the new leaders to try to dismantle improved relations between the United States and Moscow.

He suspects the coup will cause new respect for Gorbachev among the Soviet people, but he said the support will be too little, too late. He said people who were pressuring Gorbachev to make quick reforms now will realize Gorbachev's task was not that simple.

"Now you'll see people in the street who didn't believe what he was saying, about not wanting to move too fast, trying to get Gorbachev back," Dole said.

No word on next race

Many of those who attended Dole's speech urged him to run for re-election in 1992.

Dole said he has not decided whether he will run again.



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Sen. Bob Dole reacts to Soviet developments as he speaks to a crowd on Monday.