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## Dole spokesman says projects safe

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Salinans shouldn't worry about losing more than \$10 million in federal funding for construction of a Magnolia interchange and development of an aviation training center, a spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole said Thursday.

Those projects became points of concern Wednesday when a bipartisan congressional group proposed to cut them as part of a plan to trim \$1.5 billion in "pork barrel" projects from the federal budget. The spending was approved by Congress last year.

The "porkbusters" simply were seeking the limelight, said Dole's press secretary, Walt Riker.

"It was just a press event, just a group of folks in Congress looking for some publicity," Riker said. "They're trying to call attention to

items they think represent pork, but I think they flunk their own test when they target tornado warning sirens, education projects and a shelter for battered kids in Wichita."

The proposed cuts in Kansas total \$36 million.

Dole, who secured money for many of the Kansas projects, said Wednesday that the group's "definition of wasteful 'pork' is a little wacky."

He said many of the projects have long been priorities in Kansas communities.

Riker said the Salina projects appear safe, especially the \$7.7 million earmarked for the aviation center at Kansas State University-Salina.

"I don't think a press release is going to knock out funding for a 21st century project that Dole supports," Riker said.

"The bottom line and the ultimate

test is the projects themselves. I challenge them to look at these projects. You're talking about air raid sirens, education projects at Salina, Pittsburg and Kansas State and a shelter for battered kids in Wichita. It doesn't add up. The project stand by themselves as worthwhile projects."

Congress approved the money in the 1992 budget year, which began in October.

Riker said if the members of Congress were serious about making meaningful reductions to the federal deficit, they would have started by cutting entitlement programs that make up almost two-thirds of the budget.

"That's where the real automatic spending machine robs the future generations because of deficit," Riker said.

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## Dole says Buchanan can deliver a 'strong message'

By The Associated Press  
Republican presidential contender Patrick Buchanan can deliver a "pretty strong message" of political protest if he wins more than 35 percent in next week's Georgia primary, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Friday in Washington.

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By Barry Massey  
The Associated Press

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possibly attracting organized crime.

"I know it creates job, and I know every community is just struggling to stay alive in some of these areas and they're going to grasp at anything," Dole said. "A lot of people like to gamble and things of that kind. I'm not certain in the long run that's the kind of progress we want to make in our state."

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Among the \$36 million worth of Kansas items on the hit list was \$1.15 million to help more than 90 communities buy tornado warning sirens.

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Dole objected to Democratic and GOP tax-cut proposals, saying they will do little to stimulate economic growth and might cause more problems by increasing the budget deficit.

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## Dole defends Kansas projects against 'porkbusters'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan congressional group, calling themselves "porkbusters," proposed last week to kill \$1.5 billion in federal projects approved by Congress last year, including \$36 million for Kansas.

"This type of spending is a national disgrace," said Rep. Tim Penny, D-Minn., one of almost two dozen House and Senate members who unveiled legislation to rescind money for 642 projects nationwide.

No Kansans were part of the group.

The lawmakers characterized the projects as wasteful "pork barrel" spending and said the money should go to help cut the federal budget deficit.

The group almost certainly will have a difficult time winning support for their legislation. They made a similar attempt to kill projects last year and were unable to get a vote on their legislation.

They targeted projects that hadn't been reviewed by the full committee process, were added into money bills at the last minute, were "purely local interest without national or regional importance" and grants not awarded through a competition, the group said.

Congress approved the money for the projects in the 1992 budget year, which began last October.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who secured money for many of the Kansas projects on the hit list, said he thinks the group's "definition of wasteful 'pork' is a little wacky."

Dole said many of the projects "have been longtime priorities back home" in Kansas communities.

The targeted Kansas projects include:

■ \$9.9 million to renovate the federal courthouse in Wichita.

■ \$7.7 million for an aviation training center at Salina operated by Kansas State University.

■ \$4 million for a technology center at Pittsburg State University. It will house the school's training programs in several areas, including manufacturing, plastics, engineering, automotive and refrigeration.

■ \$3.6 million for construction of an interchange at I-435 and Nall Avenue in Overland Park.

■ \$2.6 million for an interchange at I-135 and Magnolia Road in Salina.

■ \$1.9 million for food safety re-

search at K-State, University of Arkansas and Iowa State University.

■ \$1.45 million for a pollution re-

search project involving the University of Kansas, Iowa State University and University of Nebraska.

■ \$1.15 million to help buy tornado warning sirens for Kansas com-

munities.

■ \$750,000 for the Wyandotte

House in Kansas City, Kan., which is

a treatment center and shelter for

runaway and abused children.

■ \$680,000 for an "environmental education center" in Wichita. The project will include nature trails,

wildlife exhibits, classrooms and aquariums.

■ \$500,000 for a domestic violence program in Wichita. The program offers services for victims and helps in treatment of offenders.

■ \$159,000 for the Wheat Genetics Resource Center at Kansas State.

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## Dole behind early cancer-detection effort

By Diana Williams  
Eagle Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Kansas Sen. Bob Dole, who underwent surgery for prostate cancer last December, has launched his own campaign to tell other men about the disease and how early detection can save lives.

"Ever since he's gotten out of the hospital, he's been trying to get the message out," said Walt Riker, Dole's press secretary. "In just a few months, our office has

become a clearinghouse for prostate cancer information."

Dole, 68, had his prostate gland removed in mid-December after doctors at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center found a "slow-growing cancer" of the gland. Doctors found no sign that the cancer had spread and predicted a full recovery without follow-up treatment.

During the past few months, Dole has used his television appearances as a pulpit to talk about cancer detection. He's

talked about his own experiences on programs including the "Today" show and "Face the Nation," and even spoke out about cancer at a banquet for Kansas Farm Bureau members Tuesday night in Washington.

Dole urged the wives of the members of the Farm Bureau to bring their husbands for testing.

"We're trying to use his reputation and prominence to make people more aware," Riker said.

Dole has been recommending that men 40 and older take a blood test called a prostatic specific antigen exam — PSA — which can be included in annual urologic exams. If PSA levels are high, it is a signal that prostate cancer may be forming.

In addition to talking about the disease, Dole is an active participant in US TOO, a nationwide support group for men who

have had prostate cancer surgery. Dole's group, which usually meets at Walter Reed, includes Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska, as well as a dozen sergeants and three generals, a center spokesman said.

Dole is bringing the support group to his Capitol Hill office in April.

Brooke Moran, program coordinator for US TOO, said Dole's contributions to cancer awareness are immeasurable. "We are delighted that someone of his stature has come out to speak about prostate cancer," she said.

The American Cancer Society estimates that about 132,000 new cases of prostate cancer will occur in the United States this year. About one of every 11 men develop the cancer, which is the second most common cancer in men, following skin cancer.

Some warning signs of prostate cancer include frequent urination, weak urinary stream, blood in urine and lower back pain. However, because the disease's early stages may not produce such warnings, doctors strongly suggest annual testing.

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## Asbury unveils addition to public

By LILLIAN ZIER  
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By mid-August, the entire \$19.3 million Asbury-Salina Regional Medical Center expansion and remodeling project should be complete. The construction started in February 1990.

The 100,000-square-foot addition south of the original building was unveiled to the public at a ribbon-cutting on Sept. 29. Remodeling then started on 20,000 square feet in the older part, said Randy Peterson, Asbury senior vice president.

The remodeling is on the first floor. It includes the addition of a surgical support area, physician's support area, an expanded pharmacy and expanded radiology area.

The pharmacy and radiology areas should be done in 30 to 60 days, Peterson said.

He estimated the cost of the remodeling at \$1 million. However, it was included in the \$19.3 million cost of the entire project.

"It's gone well," he said of the construction. "We've continued operating all areas without disruption. We basically worked around things."

The surgical support area in the remodeled part will consist of storage, a pre-operating holding area, a surgical locker room and conference room. The physician's support area will include a medical staff lounge, library and a dictation area.

The public most likely will notice the new wallpaper and interior de-



Sen. Bob Dole assisted with the ribbon-cutting for Asbury's new addition.

sign that will tie the older part of the building to the new, Peterson said.

"We have gotten a lot of good comments about the new building and its accessibility," he said.

Patients have commented that the addition presents the hospital as a regional medical center, like those in

Topeka and Wichita, he said.

The addition allowed the hospital to expand its intensive care unit from seven beds to 12. The beds have been in steady use, Peterson said.

"We identified the need early on, and that need is in fact there." Activity in the new emergency

area also has increased, he said. The addition also included expanded areas for medical records, patient registration, outpatient services and endoscopic procedures.

Also under way is construction of a doctor's parking lot on the west side of the hospital.