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OSBORNE, KANS., Jan. 13 -- Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the Senate seat being vacated by U. S. Senator Frank Carlson, tonight said a disagreement between the Executive and Legislative Government branches is delaying action on many small watershed projects.

Dole spoke at a meeting of the Osborne County Soil Conservation District here.

"At present," Dole said, "watershed projects requiring Congressional Committee approval cannot receive federal funds even though Committee approval has been given."

What has happened, Dole said, is that the Administration insists the power to approve the plans belongs to the entire Congress.

The Congress, Dole explained, believes the approval of small watershed projects is a Committee function, as outlined in a 1954 provision of law.

"Until the dispute is resolved," Dole said, "we can expect a backlog of projects awaiting help."

Describing the situation as critical, Dole said, "What is done or not done for small watersheds is important for our future water supply, flood control, silt pollution and recreational resources."

Dole, a ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, has represented Kansas' First District for seven years.