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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 19 -- Congressman Bob Dole today urged action to break the logjam on 39 watershed projects including two in Kansas.

In a statement in the House Agriculture Committee, Dole said, "Thirty-nine projects including the Cross Creek and Cotton-Coon-Mission Creek projects in Kansas are in a state of suspended animation awaiting federal funding."

What has happened, he added, is that the Administration has declared, in effect, that P. L. 566 is unconstitutional. This law authorizes Congressional Committees, instead of the Executive branch of the Administration, to approve those watershed projects totaling over \$250,000 of federal money.

The effect, he said, "is that the President has decisively derailed or refused to fund and implement those projects requiring Congressional Committee approval."

Pointing out the law was signed by President Eisenhower and supported by President Kennedy, Dole said, "There is no constitutional question involved. The Congress quite simply and quite clearly has the power."

"The real loser in this entire sad affair is rural America," Dole said. "Those projects awaiting help remain visible examples of the acute frustration caused by the President's interpretation."