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WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 24 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today announced Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel will speak in Salina and Dodge City during a four-day visit to his native state Oct. 9 to 12.

The Senator said Secretary Hickel will address a First Congressional District Republican dinner Thursday evening, Oct. 9 in Salina and will speak at a noon luncheon of the Ark Basin Development Association Oct. 10 in Dodge City. Accompanied by Dole throughout the trip, Hickel will also visit Wichita, Larned, El Dorado, Lindsborg, Lawrence, Great Bend, Hays and Topeka.

Born near Claflin in 1919, the Secretary served as Governor of Alaska until January when President Nixon appointed him to head the Interior Department.

He is scheduled to fly from New Mexico to Kansas, arriving Thursday, Oct. 9 in Wichita and will return to Washington from Wichita Sunday, Oct. 12.

Dole said Hickel's itinerary includes:

THURSDAY, OCT. 9 -- News conference at the Wichita airport upon arrival; other events being planned in Wichita; speech, First Congressional District Republican dinner, Salina. FRIDAY, OCT. 10 -- News conference and reception at the Hays airport; noon luncheon and speech, annual meeting of the Ark Basin Development Association, Dodge City; tour Fort Larned; 7 p.m., stop at the Butler County Farm Bureau dinner and attend a Butler county Republican reception El Dorado. SATURDAY, OCT. 11 -- 9 a.m., parade and reception at the Hyllningsfest, Lindsborg; 1 p.m., attend the K.U.-K.S.U. football game and post-game reception, Lawrence; 6 p.m., Republican reception, Topeka. SUNDAY, OCT. 12 -- 12:30 p.m., "Walter Hickel Day" family picnic, ~~Great Bend~~ *Claflin*

The Senator noted further details of the Secretary's Kansas trip will be announced soon.