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WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 11 -- U.S. Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson(R-Kans.) have announced the military construction authorization bill, which passed the Senate today, contains an important amendment for Junction City area residents.

The provision is construction of a two-lane road from Custer Hill troop and family housing areas to Camp Forsyth and Junction City. The Senators said upon completion of additional troop housing in the area, 16,200 military and civilian persons will have access to the three-mile road.

A recent Army Transportation Engineering Agency study showed serious congestion on Highway K-18 in the main post and recommended construction of the road. Travel distance between Custer Hill and Camp Forsyth will be reduced by 3½ miles.

The new Kansas road provision was deleted from The House bill and added to the Senate bill at the request of the two Kansas Senators.

Dole said, "This road is a welcome addition to relieve congestion and to avoid creation of a serious traffic situation."

Pearson said, "The road is especially important because it will reduce traffic in family housing areas and will provide a greater margin of safety."