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WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 2. Senator Bob Dole today expressed agreement with the statement prepared by all major elements of the aviation industry in opposition to the Department of Transportation Supplemental Appropriations request for FY 1971, as submitted by the Department of Transportation and Office of Management and Budget.

"While I recognize the need to reduce Federal expenditures whenever and wherever possible", Dole stated, "the Administration's proposal earmarking airport and airway trust fund dollars for routine operating expenses of the Federal Aviation Administration and providing inadequate funds for airports and airways is contradictory to the intent of the Airport and Airways Development Act of 1970".

This act, which had the full support of the Administration and the aviation industry, was passed in recognition of the urgent need to upgrade and expand the country's air transportation system. It levied substantial taxes on aviation users, and a trust fund was created to protect these monies from diversion to routine operating expenses as currently envisioned in the supplemental appropriations bill.

Dole stated he had been in contact with Administration officials and had been assured any commitments made regarding trust fund dollars would be honored, and that further it was his understanding the Senate Appropriations Committee had effectively rejected any proposal to divert these Airport/Airway trust funds for routine FAA operating expenses. Dole said, "I will continue to follow this closely, and have requested Transportation Secretary Volpe and Management and Budget Director Shultz to confirm in writing the Administration's commitment with reference to the trust fund."