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SENATOR BOB DOLE, IN A STATEMENT BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY, SAID YESTERDAY THAT PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT MUST BE THE MAIN FACTORS IN THE DECISION WHETHER TO BUILD A PROPOSED NUCLEAR REPOSITORY NEAR LYONS, KANSAS.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION ANNOUNCED LAST JUNE 17, ITS TENTATIVE SELECTION OF LYONS AS A LONG-TERM STORAGE SITE OF SOLIDIFIED RADIOACTIVE WASTE. DOLE SAID THAT SINCE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT HE HAS "ENDEAVORED" TO STAY INFORMED OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISIONS, AS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND ECONOMY OF KANSAS.

DOLE SAID THAT HE EXPECTS THAT FUNDS MAY BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AT LYONS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMMISSION HEARINGS. THE KANSAS SENATOR URGED THAT "REGARDLESS OF HOW VERY, VERY SMALL THE RISK ATTENDANT TO THE PROPOSED REPOSITORY, A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THESE RISKS BE PERFORMED TO SATISFY NOT ONLY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, BUT THE CITIZENS OF KANSAS."

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