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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 12 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today he was "heartened" by the House vote this afternoon which was a step toward reviving the SST project.

At issue today was a \$6.8 billion catch-all appropriation bill for emergency expenses in the fiscal year that ends June 30. Included in the Second Supplemental Appropriation of Fiscal 1971 bill was \$85.3 million designated to reimburse the principal SST contractors --- Boeing and General Election --- action called for due to the contract cancelation that followed congressional rejection of the project in March.

The House today voted 201-197 for an amendment to the appropriation bill directing that the money be used instead for completion of two test versions of the SST.

The Kansas Senator termed today's vote "encouraging action for the future of our nation's airline industry, and specifically, the aerospace industry in Wichita and other Kansas areas."

Dole said he was not certain when the vote would reach the Senate but he hoped enough Senators would "see the folly of the termination of the program that was initiated during the Kennedy Administration."

In view of the country's present high rate of unemployment, and the great sums of money already invested, the Kansas Senator said he would work for the passage of legislation in the Senate that would refund the SST project.