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WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 20, 1971 --- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson and Bob Dole, Kansas Republicans, learned today that the Labor Department plans to allocate to Kansas a total of \$1,892,900 in Special Employment Assistance (Section 6) funds under the \$1 billion Public Employment Program signed by the President August 9.

The funds announced today are a part of a \$200 million allocation reserved for areas with six per cent or more unemployment for three recent consecutive months. They will be used to place jobless persons in public service occupations. The Kansas Senators explained that all jobs established under Section 6 will be in city, county and local institutions, rather than in State agencies.

Earlier, Kansas was apportioned \$6,840,000 under Section 5 of the Public Employment Program. This was the Kansas share of a \$600 million allocation that went to all units of government, not just those in areas experiencing severe unemployment.

Of the funds designated for Section 6, \$208,400 has been allocated for Kansas City and \$1,116,900 for Wichita. The balance of the Kansas Section 6 allocation will be distributed to the following counties: Butler, \$111,400; Crawford, \$61,400; Labette, \$63,300; Montgomery, \$73,200; Sedgwick, \$219,700, and Sumner, \$38,600.

The funding process for Section 6 is expected to be completed by the end of October so that local officials can begin hiring as soon as possible.

The Senators explained that the main focus of the Public Employment Program is to enable local governments to create jobs for those out of work.

Guidelines and application instructions for Section 6 funds will be sent to governmental units that have been named as program agents. Program agents will then submit proposals on use of the funds to Regional Manpower Administrators of the Labor Department.