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WASHINGTON, DC, JANUARY 21, 1972 -- U.S. Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson announced today that President Nixon's 1973 budget provides funding for air-conditioning Leavenworth's Veterans Administration Hospital.

The budget request for this project is \$3,130,000. The total cost is \$3,318,000.

The Kansas Senators said that the '73 budget is expected to permit construction of this major improvement to get underway in calendar year 1973.

President Nixon has approved a budget request for the VA of \$155,000,000 for hospital construction for FY 73. This is a 66% increase over last year's budget and a 1853% increase over the last pre-Nixon budget.

This massive effort to update VA medical care facilities is a fulfillment of the commitment President Nixon made in his special message of April 2, 1970 when he pledged, "This administration is committed to providing quality medical care for every veteran."