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WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 22, 1972 -- Senator Bob Dole today announced that the Senate Public Works Committee, of which he is a member, has reported its 1972 Omnibus Rivers and Harbors Authorizations bill.

The bill provides necessary Congressional clearance for various federal water resource projects. It gives approval to the Kansas River Navigation Project. This project will provide harbor navigation improvements for the lower 9.33 miles of the Kansas River from its juncture with the Missouri River to the Turner Bridge upstream. It will include extension of a channel nine feet deep and 150 feet wide with bank stabilization structures along the entire distance. The estimated cost is \$3.1 million with another \$4,100 to be spent for navigation aids.

The Kansas River Project, included in the bill at Senator Dole's request, was approved subject to final budgetary clearance by the Office of Management and Budget which is expected to complete its review procedures in the near future.

Senator Dole said, "It was felt that the project holds such substantial benefits, including a \$846,000 annual transportation cost savings, that approval should be given as soon as possible.

"Improvements of the Kansas River for navigation will have a great impact on the industrial and commercial health of Eastern Kansas, especially the Wyandotte County industrial district. Hopefully the success of this phase of the plan will eventually lead to improvement of the channel for river navigation to Lawrence. The bill now goes to the full Senate for consideration.