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WASHINGTON, D.C., JAN. 24, 1973 -- Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson today announced they have written the Chairmen of the Senate Public Works Committee and the House Public Works Committee urging early action on the Federal Aid Highway Act.

In their letters, Pearson and Dole said the prompt Committee action was necessary so that both the full Senate and the House would have a chance to pass this legislation and send it to the President for his signature prior to June 30 in order to prevent any delay in allocation of federal aid dollars to the states on July 1.

The Kansas Senators also announced they had written the Office of Management and Budget urging release of \$1.2 billion impounded from this year's Highway Aid program.

Senators Dole and Pearson also stated that they would oppose any change in the distribution formulas which would reduce total allocation of federal dollars to any individual states.

It is anticipated that amendments to the bill will be offered to divert a portion of the Highway Trust Fund to urban mass transit programs prior to the allocation to individual states--thus reducing the amount of dollars available to states like Kansas.