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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAR. 29, 1973 -- Senators Bob Dole, James Pearson, and Congressman Garner Shriver indicated today they had received further information that most of the obstacles to obtaining funding for the Kansas Coliseum have now been removed.

Speaking for the three, Senator Dole said, "I am optimistic that the work that has gone into obtaining funding for this project -- so important to Wichitans and all Kansans -- may soon come to a successful end. We have been working closely for more than a year with Sedgwick County and other Kansas officials and with officials of the Economic Development Administration in an effort to get all of the many legal and financial problems resolved and to cut through all of the bureaucratic red tape that always seemd to go along with a project this big.

"Until this week, one major obstacle which remained involved Kansas State law. We are pleased that by apssing the Kansas Relocation Assistance Act, this week the Legislature has taken action which as removed that obstacle. We are hopeful that the Governor will sign this bill as soon as possible, so that the process of securing final approval of

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the grant from EDA in Washington may go forward."

The Kansas Coliseum -- if finally approved -- will be a \$6-million construction project jointly funded by federal, state, local and private interests.