



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Both Kansas Senators, Bob Dole and James Pearson, spoke out today on the Senate floor about the need for continued support for funding of the on-going construction program at Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence. Both called for assurances of future Senate support for the funding requirements.

Dole indicated that he had spoken with the Chairman of the Senate Interior Appropriations Committee and had received assurance that the construction funding would receive Senate support in the 1975 Appropriations Bill.

The issue was raised by Dole during Senate debate on the 1974 Interior Appropriations Bill which contains provisions for reprogramming \$1.93 million previously appropriated for Haskell, but which will not be spent until fiscal year 1975. The assurances given Dole reaffirm continued Senate support for the Haskell construction.

Pearson pointed out that the building program at Haskell is far from complete and underscored the necessity for the full \$5.7 million which had been appropriated.

In addition, Dole and Pearson had joined in requesting a \$750,000 increase in Haskell's operating funds for the coming year. The request did not receive Senate approval. Dole expressed the hope, however, that the additional funds could be included in the first 1974 supplemental appropriations bill which will be considered later in the fall.