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DOLE WINS SENATE APPROVAL FOR RESTORATION OF KANSAS IMPACT AID FUNDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today secured Senate approval for a restoration of federal impact aid eligibility for some 95 Kansas school districts. The action would restore to Kansas schools some seven to eight million dollars of federal impact aid funds. The amendment was added to the School Lunch Bill.

Kansas had been previously found ineligible for the funds under a September 14th ruling by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. HEW found that a provision of the new Kansas State Aid Equalization Law passed last year, was in conflict with section 5(d)2 of the federal statute governing the impact aid program, Public Law 874.

Dole's amendment authorizes a one-year suspension of section 5(d)2 in the case of states which, like Kansas, have adopted, during the last year, an equalization formula.

In debate on the Senate floor, Dole called the new Kansas law "one of the more progressive laws to be adopted in the equalization field." He said, "it is unjust that the school children of Kansas should suffer and it is unfair that the state's taxpayers should be required to shell out an additional \$8 million because of a technical conflict' between the state and federal law."

Dole said he had been working closely with Congressman Garner Shriver and other Kansas Congressmen and was hopeful that the House would be responsive to Kansas' need. As ranking minority member on the Agriculture subcommittee which will consider the School Lunch Bill, Senator Dole will serve as a conferee in the House-Senate conference.