



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE OPPOSES AMTRAK CANCELLATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today opposed cancellation of planned additional summer Amtrak service to Kansas. A second train had been scheduled to provide summer service to Kansas City, Emporia, Newton, Hutchinson, Dodge City and Garden City on the Super Chief route between Chicago and Los Angeles. The Super Chief would continue its existing service.

Amtrak President Roger Lewis announced cancellation of the planned summer service due to an "equipment shortage." In an attempt to help alleviate the equipment problem, Senator Dole today cosponsored S. 3259, a bill to provide passenger equipment emergency relief to Amtrak. The bill would make forty cars available to Amtrak, on a lease basis, from other railroads in the Western United States. Although the cars are in excellent condition, and not employed in regular service, current law prevents Amtrak from making use of them.

"With the planned 20% Amtrak summer fare increase, travellers have a right to expect continuation of previously announced service," Dole said. "Passage of this legislation should enable Amtrak to provide better rail service to the Nation."