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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## SENATE ASSURES KANSAS ELIGIBLE FOR IMPACT FUNDS, DOLE AMENDMENT PASSES

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Kansas' eligibility for federal aid to impacted school districts which yearly totals over 8 million dollars for 95 districts in the State -- was virtually assured in Senate action today. In debate on the Senate floor, Senator Bob Dole obtained assurances that changes he had sought in the Federal Impact Aid law were reflected in the new Elementary and Secondary Education Act passed today. Dole said the changes were necessary so that "Kansans would not face a repeat of last year's experience," when the State was found ineligible for the funds. Last September, HEW ruled Kansas out of compliance with federal law because a new state aid equalization formula passed by the state legislature was found in technical conflict with Federal Statutes. Last fall, Dole obtained temporary suspension of the Federal provision, restoring the state's eligibility for one year. Senate action today permanently resolves the conflict.

In addition, Dole secured passage of an amendment he authored, which authorizes the re-imbusement of states for costs incident to development of equalization laws. Recent federal court findings on state education aid across the country have prompted states to consider changing school financing formulae. Kansas was among the first to take such action.

Estimates indicate that Dole's amendment, if finally signed into law, would <sup>also</sup> mean a reimbursement to Kansas in excess of \$50,000 to cover legislative research costs incurred in the preparation of its new equalization formula.