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DOLE LAUDS INCLUSION OF FUNDS FOR ETHNIC HERITAGE

Topeka, Kansas -- Senator Bob Dole expressed great satisfaction today over the Senate Appropriations Committee's approval in a Supplemental bill of \$1.8 million for implementation of the Ethnic Heritage Studies Program.

Dole had been working with Senator Richard Schweiker (R-Pa.), a member of the Subcommittee which considered the Labor-HEW portions of the bill, to have \$2.5 million earmarked for funding of new Ethnic proposals during 1975.

Although the Kansas Senator had agreed to cosponsor a Schweiker amendment to add the provision on the Senate floor, that action became unnecessary when the full Committee accepted the \$1.8 million "compromise" figure in the legislation which it reported prior to recessing for the coming election.

"This appropriation is especially meaningful to Topeka," Dole commented, "because their Institute of Comparative Ethnic Studies was among the top finishers in last year's competition for grant awards, and came very close to being funded."

"Because this money will be for new programs rather than those already underway, the Topeka proposal stands an excellent chance of being selected this time around," he added. "Our state capitol area is a prime candidate for participation in this worthwhile study activity because of its unique and truly multiethnic cross section of American Indian, Black, German-Russian, and Mexican-American communities."

Dole pointed out that the figure approved was somewhat less than the \$2.37 million authorized last year, but that the reduction was consistent with efforts to make spending cuts "across the board." "It is very crucial that we provide monies for these programs during the coming year, however, so that the results of the valuable historical studies will be available for our bicentennial celebration."

An attempt to amend the Supplemental Appropriations bill to specify funds for Ethnic Heritage programs failed in the House earlier, so the matter will now have to be resolved in Conference after the Senate completes its action on the overall measure.

A four-year extension of the Ethnic Heritage Studies Centers was authorized by the recently-enacted Education Amendments of 1974.