



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## CONFEREES APPROVE \$100,000 FOR TOWANDA RESERVOIR PLANNING

Senator Bob Dole today announced that the joint Senate-House Conference Committee had agreed to include \$100,000 in the Public Works Appropriations bill to begin planning on Towanda Reservoir, near Towanda, Kansas.

The reservoir is one of thirteen Kansas water resource projects to be funded by the Public Works Appropriations bill for fiscal year 1977. The projects include reservoir construction, planning, and river improvements, to be conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Senator Dole had worked closely with the Senate Appropriations Committee, and with the Conferees, to urge that adequate funding be included to begin construction on Towanda Reservoir next year. The Corps of Engineers is ready to begin preliminary surveys and planning on the \$50.2 million reservoir.

Located west of El Dorado, the reservoir project has a potential of ultimately supplying Augusta and surrounding communities with a water supply and with flood control. In the spring of this year, local city and county officials appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee in Washington to express their support for the reservoir.

At that time, Senator Dole added his own support for the project and promised to work with Committee members to secure funding for the project. "I feel this start will be both timely and well-justified," Dole said, "and I will do all I can to gain full Congressional approval for this planning."