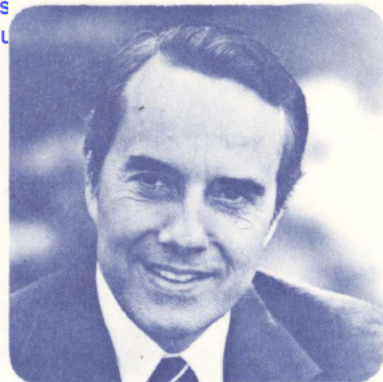


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DOLE ANNOUNCES NEW STATEWIDE TOLL-FREE FIC SERVICE

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today announced the establishment of a new, statewide toll-free Federal Information Center (FIC) service now offered by the recently inaugurated Topeka FIC.

All residents of Kansas can now call the Topeka FIC on either a local or toll-free '800' number. These centers were designed to assist people who have questions about Federal services, programs, and regulations, but do not know where to turn for an answer.

"The development of these centers will put an end to much of the confusion about where to turn for help when you have a particular problem relating to the Federal Government," said Senator Dole.

The skilled FIC staff is eager to help callers locate exactly who they need to contact, and they have the most current reference materials at hand. Experienced and knowledgeable specialists either answer the question themselves or pinpoint the best sources of assistance.

In Topeka the toll-free number to dial is 295-2866. The remainder of Kansas should dial 800-432-2934 for assistance.