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DOLE, KASSEBAUM URGE I.C.C. APPROVAL OF R.R. TRANSIT RIGHTS

TOPEKA, KS-- Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Landon Kassebaum today sent a telegram to Interstate Commerce Commission Chairman Darius Gaskins urging him to support a change in the directed service order to allow transit rights over track in northern Kansas.

The telegram said:

"IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER THE AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSIT RIGHTS OVER TRACK IN NORTHERN KANSAS ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10. WE WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM OUR SUPPORT FOR A CHANGE IN THE DIRECTED SERVICE ORDER TO ALLOW THESE TRANSIT RIGHTS. DIRECTED SERVICE HAS BROUGHT GRAIN CARS TO NORTHERN KANSAS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS, BUT ELEVATORS ARE HESITANT TO LOAD GRAIN WHEN HIGH TRANSPORTATION COSTS WILL MEAN A NET LOSS. TRANSIT RIGHTS CAN SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. WE URGE THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THIS REQUEST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

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NANCY LANDON KASSEBAUM

Senator Dole first suggested the transit rights solution on September 29, 1980, in a letter to Joel Burns, an I.C.C. official.