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KANSAS CITY IS 29TH
DOLE PROTECTS "KANSAS CITY PROVISION"
IN DEFICIT DOWNPAYMENT PACKAGE

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today said that the greater Kansas City area could soon be reinstated as the 29th largest metropolitan area in the United States, following Conference Committee approval of the deficit "downpayment" reduction package early Saturday morning. Kansas City was dropped to the 84th largest market by new metropolitan statistical standards issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in 1980, but Dole went to bat for Kansas City in an effort to alter the new ruling.

As Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Dole was named Co-Chairman of the House-Senate Conference Committee on the "deficit downpayment" package. During the marathon tax conference, Dole authored and protected the provision that will ensure the redesignation of the Kansas-Missouri border city to its rightful slot as Number 29.

Based on the inaccurate OMB format, the 1980 census figures show Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas dropping significantly in rank to 49th and 84th, respectively.

"This misleading designation places the entire community, on both sides of the state line, at a tremendous disadvantage when competing with other metropolitan areas across the country," said Dole. "I have worked closely with the White House to make sure the proper number is restored to the metropolitan area. Obviously, I am pleased my provision survived the rough weeks in Conference Committee."

If the Conference Committee report with the Kansas City provision is approved by Congress and signed by the President, the Kansas City area should rank 29th in city size due to latest census figures.