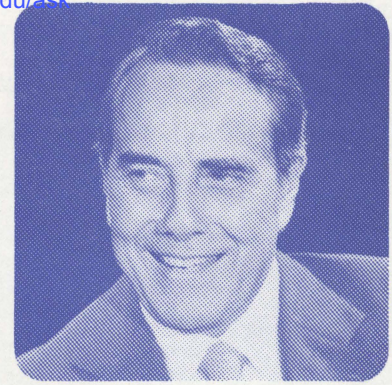


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FAA TO BUY NEW BEECH PLANES IN \$59 MILLION ORDER

Washington, DC -- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will purchase 19 new Beechcraft airplanes valued at \$59 million, Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum announced today.

The planes, Super King Air-300s, will replace aging aircraft now in use by the agency to inspect FAA air navigation and landing equipment at airports and other locations throughout the country.

Sen. Dole said the purchase is good news for Wichita. "There will be a significant impact on the employment picture because of this," he said. "It means there will be 150, maybe more, jobs created for the next couple of years."

Sen. Kassebaum said, "I'm pleased this contract has finally been cleared after almost three years of trying to get these planes for the FAA. And I'm glad the contract has been awarded to a Kansas company."

The planes used by the FAA have been in service since the early 1970's, according to Dole and Kassebaum. They said the FAA logs more than 22,000 miles a year inspecting more than 8,000 air travel-related equipment sites throughout the United States.

Dole and Kassebaum said contracts for the purchase would be signed soon, with delivery of the new planes scheduled by early 1989. The actual price tag for the purchase is set at \$58,988,146.