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DOLE AMENDMENT PASSES; SENATE APPROVES \$250,000 TO SEAL
ABANDONED MINE SITES IN GALENA

Washington, D.C. -- The Senate today approved an amendment by Kansas Senator Bob Dole to the Department of Interior Appropriations bill to provide \$250,000 to seal abandoned mine sites in and around Galena. The amendment was approved by voice vote.

"The amendment would provide funding to seal some of the most dangerous hazards in Cherokee County. The Bureau of Mines has extensively studied the situation in Galena and concluded that it has the technical ability to take corrective action. This funding would allow the Bureau to administer a mine-plugging program to seal the mines that pose an imminent health and safety threat to the town," said Dole.

Dole noted that the Bureau of Mines has indicated that the mines could be sealed at a cost of between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per shaft. Approximately 50 mines in and around the town have been determined to be imminent health and safety hazards.

Upon final passage, the bill will go to a House-Senate conference committee where differences between the House and Senate bills will be resolved. The Galena project was not funded in the House-passed version.