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DOLE ANNOUNCES \$32 MILLION FOR KANSAS MILITARY CONSTRUCTION F-16s AT MCCONNELL, USP&FO FOR TOPEKA SLATED

Washington, D.C. -- SENATOR BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SENATE PASSED THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORT WHICH INCLUDES \$32 MILLION FOR THE STATE OF KANSAS. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF NEARLY \$3 MILLION OF WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED IN THE BUDGET.

"Today's action is a grand slam for Kansas military projects," Dole said. "I'm certainly pleased with the bill's provisions, particularly the 272 new housing units at Fort Leavenworth. The \$20 million provided will greatly enhance the quality of life for our enlisted personnel stationed there."

Senator Dole added that the military appropriations bill language directs the Army National Guard to expedite the design of a United States Property and Fiscal Office (USP&FO) in Topeka and to include construction funds of \$1.3 million for the project in their FY90 budget request.

"I'm hopeful that next year's Department of Defense budget request will fund this very necessary USP&FO project. Kansas Guard personnel would benefit tremendously from the consolidation of many existing facilities in Topeka. The men and women who voluntarily give their time each year to the Guard deserve the very best support we can provide."

"Additionally, I'm pleased to announce that an Air Force initiative involving the closure of an active duty tactical fighter wing has been resolved on this conference report. As a result, the 184th Tactical Fighter Group at McConnell Air Force Base can expect its full three-squadron complement of F-16s. This distinguished flying unit should now be able to complete the transition from F-4s to F-16s by mid 1990. I'm very proud of the combat readiness Colonel Ed Sykes and his airmen are providing for our Guard and Reserve forces nationwide," Dole stated.

Other Military Construction Projects include:

McConnell Air Force Base (Wichita) Relocate Main Gate Visiting Officer Quarters Alternate Fuels Facility Flight Simulator Facility Munitions Maintenance & Training Complex Power Check Pad With Suppressor	\$ 680,000 \$2,200,000 \$ 270,000 \$1,250,000 \$1,700,000 \$ 890,000
Lenexa 200 person Armory	\$1,266,000
Salina 100 person Armory	\$ 866,000
Olathe 60 person Armory	\$1,194,000
Wichita Navy Reserve Center Addition	\$2,100,000