

## News from Senator

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### GOOD NEWS FOR WICHITA AND AMERICA WEST! DOLE HELPS SECURE NEW LANDING SLOTS AT WASHINGTON'S NATIONAL AIRPORT

WASHINGTON -- THREATENED AIRLINE SERVICE FROM WICHITA TO THE NATION'S CAPITOL GOT NEW LIFE TODAY FOLLOWING AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE.

DOLE ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGREES WITH HIM AND WILL ALLOCATE 4 NEW TEMPORARY LANDING SLOTS AT WASHINGTON D.C.'S NATIONAL AIRPORT TO AMERICA WEST AIRLINES, A PHOENIX, ARIZONA-BASED CARRIER SERVING WICHITA'S MID-CONTINENT AIRPORT.

WITHOUT TODAY'S ACTION, AMERICA WEST WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTINUE ITS PRESENT SERVICE INTO WASHINGTON. DOLE HAS STRONGLY URGED TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY SAM SKINNER AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF WICHITA.

"IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP THIS NON-STOP AIR SERVICE TO WICHITA. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REALIZED THIS AND TOOK ACTION TO RECTIFY AMERICA WEST'S RECENT LOSS OF EASTERN'S SLOTS. KANSAS CONTINUES TO ATTRACT NEW BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC VENTURES AND WITH THIS AIR SERVICE THE WICHITA AREA HAS BECOME EVEN MORE ACCESSIBLE NATIONWIDE. I'M OPTIMISTIC THAT THIS TEMPORARY SOLUTION WILL KEEP AMERICA WEST IN BUSINESS AT WICHITA," SAID DOLE.

THE SLOTS HAVE UNTIL RECENTLY BEEN OPERATED BY BRANIFF AIRLINES. HOWEVER, BRANIFF'S RECENT BANKRUPTCY FILING AND SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS INTO NATIONAL AIRPORT OPENED UP THE LANDING SLOTS. FAA REGULATIONS REQUIRE UNUSED SLOTS BE REALLOCATED.