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DOLE ANNOUNCES \$21.4 MILLION FOR KANSAS MILITARY PROJECTS IN DOD AUTHORIZATION BILL

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) announced today that the Senate Armed Services Committee has agreed with his recommendations to include authorization for several Kansas projects in the Senate Armed Services Committee mark-up of the FY91 Department of Defense Authorization bill. The bill now goes to the Senate floor for action.

"These projects will enhance the morale, readiness and training of our Armed Forces. It is important to continually upgrade and maintain the facilities and conditions at military bases for our men and women in the military," said Dole.

FT. RILEY

The committee authorized an additional \$8.5 million to complete reconstruction for housing units at Ft. Riley, Junction City, Kansas. The housing is for families of enlisted personnel at Fort Riley's Ellis Heights Housing site. The DOD request level was \$4 million.

"Current housing conditions for many families at Ft. Riley are substandard. This additional funding request will allow Ft. Riley to complete reconstruction of 216 units," said Dole.

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE

\$9.1 million has been authorized for construction of a 400 person dormitory at McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita. The construction would adapt the design plans of an existing McConnell dormitory built in 1984.

"There is a critical need for airman enlisted housing at McConnell. Current living facilities for enlisted airmen are overcrowded and need to be upgraded," said Dole.

FORBES AIR FIELD

The committee also authorized \$1.14 to repair a water distribution system at Forbes Air Field, Topeka.

"The current water distribution system at Forbes is outdated and leaking and could pose a potential health hazard. Another problem that will have to be corrected is an inadequate water flow problem which currently causes the distribution system to be listed as a fire system deficiency," said Dole.

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KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

\$1.667 million has been authorized for a regional training and maintenance facility for the Kansas Army National Guard, Salina.

"Currently, the Kansas Guard doesn't have a facility which can be used year-round to maintain newer weapons systems that are being and will be delivered. A regional maintenance site will give the Guard the facilities it needs all year," said Dole.

The committee also authorized \$1 million to fund training and simulation computers for the Kansas National Guard 35th Division Training Center at Ft. Leavenworth, Leavenworth.

"These computers put the finishing touch on a state-of-the-art training center which will establish Kansas as the only "Nationwide Training Center" for National Guard brigade and division level training," said Dole.

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