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DOLE GOES TO BAT TO FUND TWO MAJOR KANSAS PROJECTS;  
KCK COURTHOUSE TO RECEIVE \$29 MILLION;  
PITTSBURG STATE TO RECEIVE \$6 MILLION FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX.  
DOLE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN FY91 TREASURY/POSTAL SERVICE  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) announced today that two Kansas projects have been included at his request in the FY91 Treasury and Postal Service Appropriations bill. The Treasury and Postal Service Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee today approved Dole's call for \$29,475,000 for construction of the U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building in Kansas City, Kansas. The subcommittee also approved Dole's \$6 million proposal for construction of a Technology Complex at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas.

"The KCK courthouse project has been a high priority for me for several years when it became apparent that overcrowded offices and courtrooms were a burden for judges, the public and federal workers. Together with the GSA and the U.S. Courts, we set plans in motion for a new structure," said Dole. "With this additional funding, the GSA can begin the construction phase."

The project is on schedule and KCK officials have made prime property available. In addition, the GSA and Department of Justice have approved blueprints for an eight-story building which will occupy the block on State Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets. Plans call for state-of-the-art design and security.

"According to schedule, the building should be completed in the Spring of 1993. Thanks to Chief Judge Earl O'Connor and GSA Administrator Del Stromer, we have a dedicated group of federal officials who have joined me in aiming for that goal," added Dole.

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Also in subcommittee action, Senator Dole's request for \$6 million was approved for construction of the School of Technology Complex at Pittsburg State University. The complex will house the school's innovative training programs in several areas of technologies including manufacturing engineering, plastics engineering, printing automotive, auto service and body, and heating, air conditioning and refrigeration.

"The Pittsburg project would be a real shot-in-the-arm for Southeast Kansas. With tough economic times there, jobs are becoming scarce and as a result, many young people are leaving," said Dole. "However, with the construction of this new facility, Pittsburg State will be able to provide the area's young people with new technical skills and good jobs -- Kansas jobs. We need that training and that job pool to help attract industry to the area and revitalize this region. That is a goal well worthy of this federal investment," said Dole.

Total cost of the project is slated at \$21,431,000. The school plans to raise \$11,431,000 through private and state funding sources.

The bill including the Dole projects now moves to the full Senate Appropriations Committee this week and will be taken up by the full Senate in September.

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