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DOLE, KASSEBAUM ANNOUNCE \$2.1 MILLION KANSAS RURAL WATER PROJECT

WASHINGTON - SENATORS BOB DOLE (R-KS) AND NANCY LANDON KASSABAUM (R-KS) ANNOUNCED TODAY A SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITH THE FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION REGARDING \$2,160,400 CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM FOR WABAUNSEE RURAL WATER DISTRICT #2 IN N.W. WABAUNSEE AND S.E. RILEY COUNTIES. DOLE AND KASSEBAUM HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN SEVERAL WEEKS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH FMHA REGARDING THIS DISCRETIONARY AWARD.

"I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT FARMERS HOME AGREED WITH OUR POSITION THAT THIS IS THE NUMBER ONE RURAL WATER CONCERN IN KANSAS AT THE PRESENT TIME. GIVEN THE STIFF COMPETITION FOR THEIR LIMITED DISCRETIONARY POOL RESOURCES, KANSAS CAME OUT ON TOP," SAID DOLE.

"THE AVAILABILITY OF RURAL WATER IS A SERIOUS CONCERN FOR MANY KANSANS," SAID KASSEBAUM. "I AM PLEASED FMHA WAS ABLE TO MEET THEIR FUNDING NEEDS."

DOLE AND KASSEBAUM BOTH INTERVENED WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR A SINGLE AWARD WOULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT. THE \$2.1 MILLION AWARD REPRESENTS THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS PROJECT. AN ADDITIONAL \$1.8 MILLION MAY BE NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. THESE FUNDS COME FROM THE NATIONAL DISCRETIONARY POOL AND FROM STATE FMHA FUNDS. FMHA WILL PROVIDE A LOAN OF \$959,600 AND A GRANT OF \$1,200,800 FOR THE PROJECT.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF A CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM, INCLUDING TWO WELLS, A STORAGE FACILITY, AND APPROXIMATELY 120 MILES OF DISTRIBUTION LINES. APPROXIMATELY 220 RURAL CUSTOMERS WILL BE SERVED.