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**DOLE HELPS WIN \$28 MILLION FOR KANSAS MILITARY PROJECTS
IN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL;
SENATE PUTS FT. RILEY, MCCONNELL AFB,
FORBES FIELD AND KANSAS GUARD IN LINE FOR FUNDING**

WASHINGTON - The United States Senate today agreed with Senator Bob Dole's priorities for Kansas defense projects and agreed to fund several Kansas projects in the Senate version of the FY91 Military Construction Appropriations bill. The measure now goes to a House/Senate conference.

"These projects represent a year-long effort, one that has been worth the fight. They will enhance the morale, readiness and training of our Armed Forces. Declining defense dollars should not mean declining safety, living and training standards. Declining defense dollars do mean, however, spending carefully on priority projects," said Dole. "Saddam Hussein has reminded us that some kind of mindless assault on defense can be suicide for America, and I won't tolerate it in our own backyard."

"Maintaining adequate living and training conditions at military bases for our men and women in the military remains an essential objective. I hope the House will recognize the continued need for these projects when the conference committee meets," added Dole.

FT. RILEY

The Senate appropriated \$16.5 million to build new housing units at Ft. Riley, Junction City, Kansas. The housing is for families of enlisted personnel at Fort Riley's Ellis Heights Housing site.

"Current housing conditions for many families at Ft. Riley are substandard. Ellis Heights housing units have not been updated since they were built over twenty-five years ago. This additional funding will allow Ft. Riley to complete construction of 216 new units," said Dole.

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MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE

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

"As I relayed to the Senate Appropriations Committee earlier this year, 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 Senate also appropriated \$1.14 million 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"The current water distribution system at Forbes is outdated and leaking and could pose a potential health hazard.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.

KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

\$1.667 million has been appropriated 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 year round," said Dole. "This funding will also prove cost-effective as it will locate all training activities for the Guard at one site."

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