

*Bob Dole*



**NEWS**

**U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS**

**FROM:**

**SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 31, 1992

CONTACT: WALT RIKER  
(202) 224-5358

**DOLE ANNOUNCES COMMITTEE APPROVAL TO FUND  
KANSAS PROJECTS LOCATED IN LEAVENWORTH,  
HUTCHINSON, WICHITA, TOPEKA, OLATHE,  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE**

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that a Senate committee has approved funding for several key Kansas projects, including construction of the Leavenworth VA domiciliary, science enrichment at the Hutchinson Cosmosphere, infrastructure improvements for Planeview in Wichita, a new law enforcement facility in Topeka, a drug treatment center in Olathe and a pollution research project at the University of Kansas.

"I'm pleased that the committee has agreed with me to support these important Kansas initiatives," said Dole.

The Senate Appropriations Committee today included the Dole-backed Kansas projects during approval of the FY1993 Veterans Administration, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill. The measure now goes to the full Senate.

**LEAVENWORTH VA DOMICILIARY - \$28.725 MILLION**

The committee approved President Bush's request of \$28.725 million for construction of a new domiciliary at the Veteran's Administration facility. The project would consolidate Veterans Administration services, improve access to services, and increase long-term nursing care facilities for more than 119,000 in-patients and out-patients. The design phase is close to completion.

"This is a significant step towards making these much needed improvements a reality," said Dole. "Expanding the quality medical services our veterans have earned is a priority, and upon completion, this new facility will serve thousands who have served America," said Dole.

**PLANEVIEW IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, WICHITA - \$1.2 MILLION**

\$1.2 million was approved by the committee for major infrastructure improvements in Planeview, a low income area in Wichita. The project includes replacing water mains and service lines, replacing sidewalks, streets and curbs and routine maintenance of the area. - more -



- 2 -

"I'm pleased that the committee has agreed to include this vital funding to significantly upgrade the infrastructure in the Planeview area," said Dole.

HUTCHINSON COSMOSPHERE, HUTCHINSON - \$2 MILLION

The committee approved \$2 million to expand the capacity for science enrichment workshops, teacher in-service training, seminars, and lectures at the Cosmosphere.

"Hutchinson's Cosmosphere is one of the Heartland's great learning centers. Each year, the Cosmosphere holds informative seminars and training workshops for more than 50,000 students and teachers. Upon final approval, this funding will enhance this outstanding educational resource," said Dole.

NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY, TOPEKA - \$1 MILLION

The committee approved \$1 million to assist with purchasing an abandoned Montgomery Ward department store and renovating it into a law enforcement facility. Total estimated cost of the project is \$6 million - \$2.3 million to purchase the property and \$3.7 for renovation.

"By renovating an already existing building, this project will serve as an efficient way to upgrade Topeka's law enforcement facilities," said Dole.

CYPRESS DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY PROGRAM, OLATHE - \$250,000

The committee approved \$250,000 for the Olathe Cypress Drug and Alcohol Recovery Program to continue counseling services.

"I'm pleased the committee has approved funding to help this vital counseling facility continue its important services," said Dole.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ENVIRONMENT NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION PROJECT, LAWRENCE - \$1.45 MILLION

The committee approved \$1.45 million for third-year funding of the nonpoint source pollution project located at KU and jointly researched with Iowa State University and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

"This project is helping us determine ways of limiting water pollution by monitoring streams and other water resources. The results of this study will be an integral part of a large scale EPA study of nonpoint source pollution in the Midwest," said Dole.

###