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**TOPEKA MONROE SCHOOL LEGISLATION SENT TO PRESIDENT:
DOLE RESCUES MEASURE DESIGNATING HISTORIC
BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION LANDMARK**

WASHINGTON -- Following last-minute action by Kansas Senator Bob Dole, the U.S. Senate late Thursday sent to the President legislation authored by Dole and Senator Nancy Kassebaum designating Topeka's Monroe Elementary School an historic landmark.

In the Senate's final hours before adjourning for the year, Dole prevailed upon Senators objecting to unrelated provisions attached to the bill by the House of Representatives to permit the Monroe School legislation to pass. The Senate action sent the measure to the President for his signature.

Dole's bill originally passed the Senate last Thursday evening. Four unrelated provisions were added to the bill by the House of Representatives and when the legislation returned to the Senate, some Senators raised objections to the bill's new, unrelated House provisions. Dole then engineered a compromise that passed the Senate Wednesday night and was returned to the House. The House, however, declined to pass Dole's compromise bill, necessitating today's Senate action to rescue the bill before adjournment.

"I'm pleased that we have overcome the complications caused by the House and succeeded in finally nailing down historic landmark status for the Monroe Elementary School, the focal point of one of the most significant turning points in American history. This legislation will enable the National Park Service to buy the Monroe School and manage it as an historic and educational attraction to ensure that the significance of the Brown v. Board of Education decision is never forgotten," Dole said.

"I want to especially congratulate Cheryl Brown Henderson, for her determination and hard work. She has been an inspirational voice in making the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site a reality."

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