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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR ELWOOD AND WATHENA FLOOD CONTROL STUDY
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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate today approved Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request to grant \$600,000 for a flood control study for Elwood and Wathena. The project was included in the 1995 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill expected to be approved by the Senate today. The measure will now go to a joint House/Senate conference committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

"The cities of Wathena and Elwood sustained extensive losses last year due to the failure of a Missouri River Levee System unit. Given the continued threat these communities face, this important study, upon final approval of funding, will be valuable in demonstrating how best to increase flood protection for Elwood and Wathena," Dole said.

The funding will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to move forward on a reconnaissance study in its FY 1995 budget to examine the feasibility of raising the height of the existing levees at Wathena and Elwood, as well as across the river in St. Joseph, Missouri. The Corps was considering funding the study in its FY 1996 budget.

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