

Bob Dole



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**DOLE PROPOSAL FOR SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE CONSERVATION
OPERATIONS APPROVED BY SENATE**

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate late Tuesday approved Kansas Senator Bob Dole's amendment to restore \$8.9 million for the Soil Conservation Service conservation operations budget. The funding, some of which will go to conservation efforts in Kansas, was restored as an amendment during Senate debate on the 1995 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The bill, expected to pass the Senate today, will go to a joint House/Senate conference committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

"Asking farmers to comply with conservation programs and then cutting technical assistance just doesn't make sense," said Dole.

"Working as partners with the soil conservation service and local conservation districts, farmers have proven they are also environmentalists. Conservation efforts have helped save millions of acres of soil and have improved water quality across the state," added Dole. "According to the SCS, on top of its conservation benefits, restoring this funding will also save about 50 Kansas jobs."

In the 1985 Food Security Act, Congress established several programs to direct America's farmers to develop plans in an effort to conserve soil and water on America's farmland. The Agriculture Appropriations Committee had proposed to cut \$8.9 million from the conservation operations budget. Upon final approval, this restored funding will assist in the construction of 15,000 miles of terraces and in the installation of 3,200 acres of waterways in Kansas this year.

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