

Bob Dole



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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR MONROE SCHOOL & BROWN FOUNDATION
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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate late Tuesday approved Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request of a \$107,298 grant earmarked for the Brown v. Board of Education Historic Site Foundation. The funding, allowing the Brown Foundation to assist the National Park Service in the continued development of Topeka's Monroe Elementary School as a National Historic Site, was included in the 1995 Interior Department Appropriations Bill expected to be approved by the Senate today. The bill will go to a joint House/Senate conference committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

"Monroe Elementary School in Topeka has played a significant role in our nation's commitment to civil rights. This fiscal year's funding, upon final approval, will allow the Brown Foundation to assist the National Park Service in the crucial development of the site and to open its doors to the public more quickly," said Dole.

"The Brown Foundation provides a number of essential services to the Park Service including development of the site's general management plan, written training materials for Park Service interpreters, and coordination of a resource library," Dole added.

The draft management plan for the site is expected to be completed in October which will allow the National Park Service to begin repair and replacement of the building's basic utilities. In 1993, the Senate approved Senator Dole's request of \$175,000 for the acquisition of the Monroe School last winter. The School was designated as a National Historic Site on October 26, 1992.

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