



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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SENATOR DOLE ANNOUNCES KANSAS ALLOCATED \$15.03 MILLION FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL LOANS IN FISCAL 1978

WASHINGTON, D. C.--Senator Bob Dole announced today Kansas has been allocated \$15.03 million for business and industrial development loans in fiscal year 1978. This is the largest business loan allocation ever received by Kansas.

Senator Dole said the business and industrial loan guarantees are available from the Farmers Home Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The Kansas Senator said, "The Rural Development Act of 1972 has committed the United States to revitalizing and developing rural areas as a means of achieving a balanced national growth. The Act's principal thrust is toward providing jobs and increased business income in rural America through encouragement of rural industrialization and increased business activity and income."

Senator Dole stated that the business and industry loan program's primary purpose is to improve the economic climate in rural areas by saving existing and/or creating new jobs.

Business and industry loans may be used for (1) business and industrial construction, conversion, acquisition, repair and modernization; (2) purchase of land, machinery, equipment, supplies, materials, furniture, and fixtures; (3) starting costs and working capital (4) refinancing debts, when refinancing results in a sound loan and protects the Government's interest.

Maximum loan terms are 30 years for loans made to purchase land and to construct, improve, or purchase buildings and permanent fixtures; 15 years for loans made to purchase machinery and equipment, and 7 years for loans made for working capital.

Interest rates charged for guaranteed loans are agreed upon by the lender and applicant.

Business and industry loans are guaranteed in towns of 50,000 population or less and in open country.