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SENATE BILL INCLUDES MONEY TO START FLOOD CONTROL STUDY AT HALSTEAD

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) today announced that the Senate has passed legislation appropriating funds for the Corps of Engineers to begin planning and designing a possible flood control measure in Halstead, Kansas.

According to Dole, the Senate Energy and Water Appropriation Bill contains \$200,000 for planning and design of a levee which would protect Halstead when the Little Arkansas River overflows. The Senate-passed version of the legislation appropriated \$12.4 billion, a reduction of over \$700 million from the House passed-bill.

Despite the reduction in funding, to meet the President's revised September budget request, Dole noted the Senate has retained funding for the Halstead study. According to Dole, "The Halstead study is long overdue, and I am pleased the Appropriations Committee and the full Senate recognized that fact. We all have an obligation to accept spending cuts and help reduce federal spending, but this was one area where I felt it was necessary that the Senate go forward with initiating a new project.

"Halstead has been victimized by two major floods in the past six years. Solving that problem has to be one of our top priorities in the State of Kansas. I am pleased that we have taken this important first step to realize that end," Dole said.