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KANSAS SENATORS ANNOUNCE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT FUNDS
TO KANSAS COUNTIES

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum today announced that Kansas counties have been awarded a total of \$318,425 from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The funds are awarded to counties and local governments under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act, and are intended to alleviate the financial burdens borne by local governments as a result of having certain tax-exempt federal lands within their jurisdictions. No payments will go to the state government.

Whether these annual payments could be made before the end of the fiscal year on September 30 was in doubt until July 30 when President Reagan signed a bill amending the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act. Provisions of the amendment, which the Administration strongly supported, negated a Michigan court decision which would have complicated the payment formula by requiring payments to be made to approximately 17,000 local governments located within the existing eligible recipient governments. Interior contended that Federal public land statistics required to calculate the payments for all of these units of government were not readily available and would delay payments indefinitely.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will authorize the U.S. Treasury Department to distribute payments to counties, townships, and other eligible units of local government on Wednesday, September 28.

The following chart shows the amount of money awarded to each county:

Butler	\$ 9,480	Mitchell	\$17,367
Chautauqua	991	Montgomery	14,295
Clay	12,675	Morris	4,222
Coffey	17,857	Morton	9,745
Cowley	3,076	Norton	5,455
Dickinson	1,053	Osage	23,480
Douglas	14,549	Osborne	2,366
Ellsworth	14,995	Pawnee	285
Geary	17,133	Phillips	8,091
Greenwood	13,314	Pottawatomie	10,347
Jefferson	27,793	Reno	10,433
Jewell	4,649	Riley	9,477
Kingman	938	Rooks	4,894
Labette	1,815	Russell	14,773
Lincoln	612	Sedgwick	610
Lyon	3,726	Shawnee	1,391
Marion	8,657	Stevens	206
Marshall	4,375	Trego	10,689
Miami	9,178	Woodson	3,463