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DOLE ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR KANSAS WATER PROJECTS

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today announced that funding for three Kansas water projects was included in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill passed this afternoon by the Senate. The Upper Little Arkansas Flood Control Project will receive \$400,000 in first-year funding and the Great Bend and Halstead projects will receive \$1.6 million and \$500,000 in continuing funding, respectively.

"These are important projects for Kansas, and I'm pleased the Senate has agreed by making these priority projects for 1988," said Dole. "By funding the projects now, we are helping to ensure the prevention of flood damage in the future."

The Upper Little Arkansas Flood Control Project involves the construction of 18 small dams at a total cost of \$12.4 million. The project will serve the Little Arkansas River Watershed, which comprises an area of approximately 201,773 acres in Rice, Reno, McPherson, and Ellsworth Counties.

The Army Corps of Engineers is in the final design stage of the Halstead project and construction will begin next year. The project will widen and deepen the channel of the Little Arkansas River with 21,600 feet of levee and floodwall.

The Great Bend Project will divert the Walnut and Little Walnut Creeks to the Arkansas river before they reach the city of Great Bend by means of a levy and a diversion channel. Funding for construction of the project began last year.

The Senate version of the bill appropriates a total of \$15.919 billion for energy and water projects for fiscal year 1988. The House bill appropriated \$16.1 billion.