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DOLE ANNOUNCES KANSAS AMENDMENTS TO CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) today announced the adoption late last night of two Kansas-related amendments to the Senate's fiscal year 1988 Continuing Resolution on Appropriations. The first would allow direct flights between Wichita and Love Field in Dallas. The second would clarify an inaccurate description of the South Lawrence Trafficway in the 1987 Surface Transportation Act.

"The Senate's adoption of my amendment to facilitate direct air service to Wichita should result in more efficient air travel in Kansas. By amending legislation which prohibits airlines serving Love Field in Dallas from flying to destinations outside states contiguous to Texas, Wichita should be in a better position to attract new businesses and industry," said Dole.

"As a result of an inaccurate description of the South Lawrence Trafficway in previous legislation, we had a situation where slightly over \$7 million was only authorized to be applied to a 4-mile segment of road. My amendment is in the nature of a technical correction and would permit the \$7 million to be spent on the project as a whole, which is approximately 14 miles in length. Lawrence should now be able to proceed with the project as it was originally intended."

Southwest Airlines has indicated a willingness to serve Wichita with eight flights per day if they could serve the city directly, without first being required to land in Oklahoma City. The provision of the 1979 Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act which placed restrictions on airlines serving Love Field was used to force airlines to leave Love Field and serve Dallas/Fort Worth Airport instead.

The Lawrence project involves the construction of a 14-mile limited access trafficway. The trafficway is designed to reduce traffic congestion and enhance access to recreational facilities, a University research park and other roads.

The Continuing Resolution now goes to a House-Senate Conference Committee.