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## DOLE WELCOMES LOWERING OF AIR FARES TO WICHITA

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) today welcomed the announcement that American Airlines will reduce its fares for flights between Wichita and Dallas. Last week, Dole had introduced an amendment to the fiscal year 1988 Continuing Resolution that would have allowed direct air service between Wichita and Love Field in Dallas. The amendment was adopted by the Senate as part of the omnibus funding bill.

Opposition from House Speaker Jim Wright led to the amendment being dropped in a House-Senate conference on the Continuing Resolution. However, Dole's amendment succeeded in focusing attention on the need for less expensive air service between Wichita and Dallas.

"I am pleased that American Airlines has agreed to lower its fares on flights between Wichita and Dallas," said Dole. "I commend Speaker Wright for recognizing the problem and trying to work out an alternative on the House side with Congressman Dan Glickman."

"The intent of my amendment was to pave the way for less costly direct flights between Wichita and Dallas' Love Field. This compromise is a satisfactory result of this negotiating process."

Dole introduced the amendment at the request of the Wichita Chamber of Commerce. The 1979 Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act prohibits airlines serving Love Field in Dallas from offering direct flights to destinations outside states contiguous to Texas.