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DOLE ANNOUNCES KANSAS APPROPRIATIONS IN CONTINUING RESOLUTION

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-KS) today announced the inclusion of a wide range of Kansas appropriations in the Continuing Resolution passed early this morning by both Houses of Congress. The Continuing Resolution funds most government operations through fiscal year 1988.

"It took us until early in the morning, but we now have a package that is acceptable to both Houses of Congress and to the President," said Dole. "This legislation keeps the government running."

"I'm pleased that this omnibus appropriations bill includes many projects that will benefit Kansas. Funding is included for the Mid-America World Trade Center in Wichita, and a Job Corps Center in Manhattan is now closer to reality," Dole said.

The Mid-America World Trade Center, the first of its kind to be established, will receive \$2.5 million. The Wichita-based trade center represents a regional partnership of private enterprise and state governments whose goal will be creating a higher level of international business involvement in the six participating states. These states include Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, North and South Dakota, and Wyoming.

Under the bill, \$31.5 million was appropriated for the construction of new Job Corps Centers. Manhattan is high on the list of new centers to be built. The centers are intended to provide job training for unemployed youth.

Other Kansas Appropriations:

Kansas State University: Satellite Video Communications Center - \$2 million; stored grain insect research - \$285,000; international livestock program - \$95,000; bio-control of grasshoppers - \$48,000.

University of Kansas: Remote sensing project - \$191,000.

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Upper Little Arkansas River: flood control project - \$400,000 in first year funding; affects watershed in Rice, Reno, McPherson and Ellsworth counties.

Great Bend: flood control project - \$1.6 million in continuing funding.

Halstead: flood control project - \$500,000 in continuing funding.

Haskell Indian Junior College: safety-related construction funds - \$1.288 million for capital improvements; \$200,000 for design work on needed repairs.

Douglas County: clarification of description of highway demonstration project contained in 1987 Surface Transportation Act for South Lawrence Trafficway (means that \$7.2 million can be spent along entire 14-mile length of project and not just a 4-mile segment).

Kansas Underground Injection Control Program: \$2 million added to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) request of \$9.5 million for fiscal year 1988 Underground Injection Control State Grants Program. Kansas has requested \$240,000 from the EPA.