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DOLE INTRODUCES BILL TO REFORMULATE CEDAR BLUFF RESERVOIR PROJECT

Washington, D.C. -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole introduced legislation today to reformulate the terms of the Cedar Bluff Reservoir project.

"Studies show a significant flow depletion in the Smokey Hill River above Cedar Bluff Reservoir in Trego County," said Dole. "There has been a consistent decline in water supply available for irrigation from Cedar Bluff during the past 23 years and no deliveries of irrigation water have been made since 1978."

"Currently, the Federal Government is holding a repayment contract with the irrigation district which they are unable to collect without adverse action to the district."

"In December, 1987, the state and the Bureau of Reclamation reached an understanding that would allow continuance of this project. This legislation, along with a similar bill Congressman Pat Roberts will soon be introducing, will help this project get back on its feet again."

In addition to authorizing the reformulation for the Cedar Bluff Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Program, Kansas, the bill would provide for the amendment of water service and repayment contracts.