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DOLE WINS MAJOR FUNDING FOR MCCONNELL AFB: LAND, ROADS, GATE,
FENCES, NEW TRAINING BUILDING;
\$8.9 MILLION SLATED FOR KANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD;
"THE FLYING JAYHAWKS DESERVE THE BEST," DOLE SAYS

WASHINGTON -- SENATOR BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE HAS AGREED WITH THE KANSAS REPUBLICAN AND WILL INCLUDE TWO MAJOR NEW PROJECTS IN ITS FISCAL YEAR 1990 DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL FOR THE KANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD AT MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE.

DOLE HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE AIR FORCE, MCCONNELL OFFICIALS AND SENATE LEADERS TO MAKE CERTAIN THE WICHITA PROJECTS WERE INCLUDED IN THE HUGE FUNDING BILL.

ONE MAJOR PROJECT INCLUDES \$5.2 MILLION TO PURCHASE AND UPGRADE 40 ACRES ADJACENT TO THE 184TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP. THE PROPERTY UPGRADE WILL INCLUDE UTILITIES AND A NEW GATE.

"WITH OUR EVER INCREASING RELIANCE ON THE GUARD AND RESERVE FOR OUR NATIONAL SECURITY NEEDS, THESE FORCES ARE RAPIDLY OUTGROWING THEIR FACILITIES. MCCONNELL IS A PRIORITY OPERATION NOT ONLY IN KANSAS, BUT ALSO AS A CRITICAL LINK IN OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE SYSTEM. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR IT NEEDED HELP, I WENT TO BAT TO MAKE CERTAIN IT RECEIVED THE ATTENTION IT DESERVED. THIS ADDITIONAL LAND JUST RECENTLY BECAME AVAILABLE AND WE NEEDED TO MOVE QUICKLY," SAID DOLE.

IN ADDITION, \$3.7 MILLION HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR A NEW OPERATIONS AND TRAINING BUILDING.

"WE NOT ONLY NEEDED THE LAND BUT ALSO A NEW BUILDING SO THE 184TH COULD CONSOLIDATE SEVERAL FUNCTIONS INTO ONE FACILITY. I'M PROUD OF THE JOB THAT THE FLYING JAYHAWKS ARE DOING FOR OUR NATION. THEY DESERVE THE BEST FACILITIES WE CAN PROVIDE," SAID DOLE.

THE AUTHORIZATION BILL IS EXPECTED TO REACH THE SENATE FLOOR IN LATE AUGUST.

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