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KANSAS ON LINE FOR \$1.293 MILLION MORE FOR WAR ON DRUGS;
DOLE AMENDMENT CORRECTS "URBAN BIAS" IN FEDERAL FUNDING FORMULA

WASHINGTON -- CORRECTING A FUNDING FORMULA THAT SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE CALLED "UNFAIR TO RURAL AMERICA", THE SENATE TODAY APPROVED AN AMENDMENT AUTHORED BY SENATOR DOLE THAT WILL SEND AN ADDITIONAL \$1.293 MILLION TO KANSAS TO HELP THE STATE'S ANTI-DRUG EFFORT.

THE DOLE AMENDMENT MODIFIES THE FORMULA USED BY THE ALCOHOL, DRUG ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (ADAMHA) TO DISTRIBUTE FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO STATES. ACCORDING TO DOLE, THE CURRENT FORMULA -- BASED ON POPULATION DENSITY -- IS BIASED TOWARD URBAN AREAS. THE FORMULA CHANGE WILL BOOST KANSAS' BLOCK GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1990 FROM \$8.1 MILLION TO \$9.393 MILLION. IN FY89, KANSAS RECEIVED \$5.5 MILLION UNDER THE ADAMHA PROGRAM.

"RURAL COMMUNITIES ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM OUR BIG CITY NEIGHBORS -- WE HAVE A DRUG CRISIS, TOO. IN FACT, DRUG ABUSE ON A PER CAPITA BASIS IS HIGHEST IN COMMUNITIES WHOSE POPULATION IS 10 TO 25-THOUSAND PERSONS. WE WANT TO GET TOUGH, BUT WE CAN'T WIN THE WAR IF RURAL AMERICA IS GETTING SHORTCHANGED. I AM PLEASED THE SENATE AGREES AND HAS VOTED FOR THIS MUCH-NEEDED REFORM."

THE DOLE AMENDMENT WAS ADDED TO THE \$9.4 BILLION ANTI-DRUG PACKAGE WHICH PASSED THE SENATE AS PART OF THE TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

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