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MARYSVILLE PROJECT INCLUDED IN FY92 ENERGY AND WATER  
APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Dole (R-Ks) announced today Senate subcommittee approval of a \$200,000 feasibility study of a plan to control flooding by the Big Blue River in Marysville, Kansas. The project was approved by the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee.

"This is a vital project for the citizens of Marysville. Approximately one-third of the town's land area is threatened by a 100-year flood. Without adequate flood protection, land values will drop, and the potential for future development is devastated. By approving this project, we can help prevent a potential disaster," said Dole.

Another important aspect of this project is the possible relocation of the Union Pacific Railroad to the periphery of the city. Currently, about 60 trains a day travel through the center of town. These trains, which average about a mile in length, cut off a large number of city residents from fire protection and emergency ambulance services.

"I am pleased to hear that the Union Pacific Railroad is considering moving its tracks out of the center of the town to avoid traffic congestion. If the tracks were to be relocated on a levy above the flood level, two problems could be solved at once. It's my hope that the railroad and the Corps of Engineers can work jointly on this problem and come to a solution that benefits everyone."

The measure now moves to the full Appropriations Committee and then to the Senate for approval.

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