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DOLE APPOINTS KANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE BILL GRAVES TO
COMPETITIVENESS POLICY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON -- Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-KS) today appointed Kansas Secretary of State Bill Graves to the Competitiveness Policy Council.

The Council, created by Public Law 100-418, is a twelve member bipartisan body appointed by the President and the Senate and House Leadership. Its duties include recommending policies and strategies to improve productivity and international competitiveness, commenting on private sector requests for governmental assistance in developing this issue, monitoring changes in research, technology and the overall economy, and evaluating the impact of Federal policy competitiveness.

"With his experience in business and public service, Bill Graves understands the importance of American competitiveness. Bill has worked hard to promote Kansas business and agriculture, and his commonsense knowledge will be a welcome addition as this Council works to improve productivity and international competitiveness," Dole said.

Graves currently resides in Lenexa, Kansas, and served as Kansas' Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for administrative services from 1980 to 1985. He became Assistant Secretary of State from 1985 to 1987. He was first elected to Secretary of State in 1986 and won reelection in 1990.

Graves is active in a variety of civic organizations throughout Kansas and was a recently appointed to the United Way's National Donor Choice Committee. He was also part of a delegation of secretaries of state that observed the national elections in Taiwan. He currently serves a one-year term on the executive board of the National Association of Secretaries of State and is a member of the board of trustees of Leadership Kansas, a program of the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry designed to identify and develop young Kansas leaders.

The initial meeting of the Competitive Policy Council will take place next week at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.