

**Bob Dole**



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**SENATE PASSES INTERIOR BILL;**  
**DOLE REQUESTS ON LINE FOR MORE THAN \$ 9.1 MILLION FOR KANSAS**

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that the full Senate has approved funding for several major Kansas wildlife, education and research projects, all requested by Senator Dole. The action on Dole's amendments came as the Senate completed action on the FY92 Interior Appropriations bill. The measure now goes to a joint House/Senate conference.

"I'm pleased the Senate agreed to fund these worthwhile projects. Haskell has always been a top priority of mine and will continue to provide a sound education with this funding," said Dole. "We must also continue to take the necessary steps to preserve our wildlife, land and the many historical sights in Kansas. It is important to preserve our state treasures so everyone can have the opportunity to enjoy and learn about our heritage. That's why funding these important Kansas projects is a top priority," said Dole.

Dole's projects in the funding bill include:

**HASKELL INDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE, LAWRENCE: \$3.97 MILLION**

\$3 million for construction of a dormitory and \$977,000 for program development. The program development includes strengthening of associate programs, updating instructional technology and equipment and establishing a baccalaureate degree in elementary education.

**MARAIS DES CYGNES WILDLIFE REFUGE, LINN COUNTY: \$2 MILLION**

\$2 million to purchase 4,000 acres of wooded wetlands for preservation along the Marais des Cygnes River which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has identified as a priority site. The area would be maintained as a refuge for waterfowl and a number of threatened and endangered species.

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS OIL RECOVERY INSTITUTE, LAWRENCE: \$1.64 MILLION**

\$1,646,250 for the oil recovery research program at KU. The program combines petroleum engineering and geology with advanced technology to analyze all aspects of oil recovery, including reservoir sites and drilling capability in Kansas.

**NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

**CHEYENNE BOTTOMS, PLAYA LAKES**

\$8.5 million in nationwide funding for President Bush's management plan for the nation's wetlands was also included in the bill at Dole's request. Cheyenne Bottoms in Barton County and Playa Lakes in Southwest Kansas are slated to receive a significant portion of the funding for wetland restoration and enhancement of habitat projects.

**FLINT HILL WILDLIFE REFUGE/JOHN REDMOND RESERVOIR, EMPORIA: \$680,000**

\$680,000 for a new office/visitor center. Located along Kansas Highway 130, the refuge is managed for migratory waterfowl, containing wetlands, grasslands, and sustainable agriculture.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, WICHITA: \$675,000**

\$675,000 for an Environmental Education Center. Funding will be used for planning and design of the center. The site will include nature trails, demonstration plots, and wildlife observation posts. Plans for the center include aquarium displays, wildlife exhibits, classrooms and audio visual rooms.

**SANTA FE TRAIL: \$205,000**

\$205,000 to fund promotions for the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. The funding will be used to produce a full-color trail brochure, auto tour route signs, an interpretive film, and a prop kit for the educational outreach program.

**NICODEMUS, KANSAS**

At Dole's request, the bill also includes a provision where the funds remaining from the Wilson Lake feasibility study to perform a feasibility study on the establishment of Nicodemus as a National Historic Site. It is estimated that \$15,000 may remain unused in the Wilson Lake study. The National Park Service would oversee the Nicodemus study.

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