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## **TORNADO RADAR**

**CONGRESS AGREES TO FUND \$155.6 MILLION FOR TORNADO-DETECTING  
RADAR; NEXT STEP PRESIDENT BUSH'S OK**

WASHINGTON -- Congress has agreed to provide major funding for the next generation of high-tech tornado warning equipment, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) announced today. The House and Senate both passed the FY92 Commerce, State & Justice Appropriations conference report last night, agreeing to the Senate's funding level of \$155.6 million for the National Weather Service's modernization program -- including NEXRAD Doppler radar and the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) - - which provides early and accurate forecasting of approaching tornadoes.

"This funding puts Kansas and many other states a big step closer to getting the latest in live-saving weather forecasting technology. I'm pleased the National Weather Service has made bringing these state-of-the-art systems to Kansas a priority," said Dole.

Last month, Dole dedicated the nation's first ASOS system at Topeka's Philip Billard Airport. In all, the National Weather Service has slated 24 sites in Kansas to receive the high-tech ASOS system, and 4 Kansas sites to receive the advanced NEXRAD Doppler radar system. Under the Weather Service's current plans, NEXRAD is scheduled for delivery in Dodge City later this year, Wichita in 1992, Goodland in 1992, Pleasant Hill, MO in 1992 and Topeka in 1993.

The measure will now be sent to President Bush for his signature.

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