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SENATE PASSES INTERIOR BILL;
DOLE REQUESTS ON LINE FOR \$13.59 MILLION FOR KANSAS

WASHINGTON - Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole today announced that eight key Kansas wildlife, education and research projects, sponsored by Senator Dole, have just cleared a major Congressional hurdle. The joint Senate/House conference committee late Thursday included funding for Dole's projects as it completed action on the conference report to the FY92 Interior Appropriations bill. The measure must now pass both the House and Senate, and then will be sent to President Bush for his signature.

"I'm pleased the committee agreed to fund these worthy Kansas projects. Haskell has always been a top priority for me, and it is clear this funding will significantly expand academic opportunities for many students," said Dole.

"I am also determined to promote Kansas projects that help preserve our state wildlife and land resources, along with our historical sights. Kansas is proud of its natural resources and rich history, and I'll continue to compete for our fair share of federal dollars," said Dole.

Dole's initiatives agreed to by the committee include:

HASKELL INDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE, LAWRENCE: \$3.97 MILLION

The conference committee agreed to Dole's request of \$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

The committee also fully funded Dole's request of \$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.

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS OIL RECOVERY INSTITUTE, LAWRENCE: \$500,000

\$500,000 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, MCPHERSON VALLEY: \$5.54 MILLION

\$12 million in nationwide funding for President Bush's management plan for the nation's wetlands was also approved by the conference committee. Cheyenne Bottoms in Barton County could receive up to \$4.8 million, Playa Lakes in Southwest Kansas could receive up to \$200,000, and McPherson Valley could receive up to \$546,000 in funding for wetland restoration and enhancement of habitat projects.

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

Dole's request of \$680,000 for a new office/visitor center was also fully funded by the conference committee. Located along Kansas Highway 130, the refuge is managed for migratory waterfowl, containing wetlands, grasslands, and sustainable agriculture.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, WICHITA: \$675,000

The conference committee agreed to Dole's request of \$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

The conference committee directed the National Park Service to allocate \$205,000 from existing funds 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 Senate included a provision where the funds remaining from the Wilson Lake feasibility study could be used to conduct 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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