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NEWS

U. S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS

FROM:

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER

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FLOOD & CONGRESS

DOLE PREPARED TO MOVE QUICKLY, COOPERATE WITH PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE FEDERAL RELIEF

As the Flood of 1993 continues to swallow up more and more land, and encroach on more and more midwestern communities, our thoughts and prayers are with the many thousands of Americans who are waist-deep in this disaster. But, these people need more than our warm wishes, and they will get more from the federal government.

We have not yet seen the President's request for emergency assistance, and the scope of this tragedy may not yet be known until the flood waters recede.

As the Republican Leader, I am prepared to move quickly and to cooperate with President Clinton and the administration as we seek to ease the suffering and the hardship of a disaster that has driven people from their homes, crippled businesses, destroyed crops, shut down water supplies, and been linked to at least 19 deaths.

The severe weather that has caused this record flooding has also wreaked havoc in Kansas. Severe storms have pounded Kansas, including tornados, heavy rains, large hail, and some extremely high winds. This severe weather has devastated crops, prevented plantings, hampered the wheat harvest, and destroyed homes and businesses.

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Remarks delivered on Senate floor, approximately 2:40 PM EDT.