

Bob Dole



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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR FORBES FIELD PROJECT APPROVED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the U.S. Senate approved his request for \$5.2 million for a Composite Medical/Communication Facility for the Kansas Air National Guard at Forbes Field.

"The 190th Air Refueling Group supports active Air Force missions on a daily basis," said Dole. "The men and women in the 190th were deployed in operations in the Persian Gulf and in the Balkans. As the nation relies more on forces based in the U.S., units such as the 190th will become more important."

"These funds support a plan to consolidate two critical functions into one facility, ensuring the unit's ability to carry out its mission more efficiently," Dole added.

The legislation also included \$6.4 million for construction of a USAR/OMS/AMSA in Topeka.

"As the active force continues to draw down, the Guard and Reserves will be asked to take on more day-to-day missions. In my view, it is our responsibility to ensure that they have the necessary facilities to meet these growing demands," said Dole.

The project, which is part of the Pentagon's Future Years Defense Program, was included in the \$11.158 billion 1996 Military Construction Appropriations Bill. The bill passed the Senate 84-10 and now goes to a joint House/Senate committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

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