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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR FORBES FIELD PROJECT WINS FINAL SENATE APPROVAL

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

"I am pleased with this plan, because it provides the unit with a more efficient procedure to carry out missions," Dole added. "As we downsize active forces and trim the overall defense budget, this is exactly the type of practical and productive project we are looking for."

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

"The Guard and Reserves have already seen an increase in their responsibilities as we drawdown our active forces," Dole said. "We all realize that federal dollars for all programs are more limited than ever. But in my view, supplying sufficient facilities to these reserve units is a necessary contribution to their continued success," said Dole.

The project, which is part of the Pentagon's Future Years Defense Program, was included in the \$11.17 billion 1996 Military Construction Appropriations Bill. The bill now heads to the President's desk to be signed into law.

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