

*Bob Dole*



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**U.S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS**

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**SENATOR THOMAS NAMED TO FEDERAL-STATE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole has announced his recommendation of Senator Craig Thomas (R-WY) to serve on the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR).

"Craig first served on the ACIR as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. As a former state legislator, as well as a member of Congress, he understands first hand the important role of the Commission in shaping the future of federal-state relations and will work to ensure that state and local officials are engaged in this vital partnership," said Dole.

"In this era of 'new federalism,' the government must create a partnership with state and local governments that is based on balanced, decentralized decision making. These local governments have been the laboratories for change for the last 20 years and I want them to continue their efforts into the 21st century," said Thomas.

Thomas will serve a two-year term on the Commission, replacing Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND). The 26 member Commission is composed of representatives of Congress, state and local elected officials, officers of the executive branch, and private citizens.

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