

Bob Dole



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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR FORBES FIELD PROJECT
WINS FINAL SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced that the U.S. Senate late Tuesday 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.

"The air refueling tankers of the 190th play a vital role in almost every major deployment of U.S. forces," Dole added. "This facility is exactly the type of practical and productive use of funds that will help ensure they are well-prepared to fulfill their missions."

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

"Bosnia is a clear example of the increased responsibilities that our Guard and Reserves are facing 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 1996 Defense Authorization Bill, which now heads to the President's desk. The President has threatened to veto the bill.

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