

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
WICHITA PORT OF ENTRY DEDICATION
EAST CONCOURSE - WICHITA MID-CONTINENT AIRPORT
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ANY ONE WHO KNOWS KANSAS OR THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE KNOWS
THAT OUR STATE IS VERY DEEPLY INVOLVED IN FOREIGN TRADE.

KANSAS MAY BE IN THE HEART OF AMERICA, FAR REMOVED FROM ITS COASTS
AND BORDERS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. BUT FOR MANY YEARS, OUR PEOPLE, BUSINESSES
AND INDUSTRIES HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE MAINSTREAM OF TRADE IN
EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD.

KANSAS PRODUCTS AROUND THE WORLD

GO TO INDIA, AFRICA OR CHINA AND YOU WILL SEE KANSAS WHEAT OR THE
PRODUCTS MADE FROM IT NOURISHING MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. GO TO ARGENTINA AND
YOU WILL FIND GRAIN MOISTURE TESTING EQUIPMENT FROM KANSAS BEING PUT TO USE.
GO TO NEW ZEALAND AND YOU WILL FIND AIRPLANES MANUFACTURED RIGHT HERE IN

WICHITA EQUIPPED WITH SKIS AND LANDING ON HIGH MOUNTAIN GLACIERS.

THE WORLD'S PRODUCTS IN KANSAS

AND IN ANY KANSAS TOWN YOU CAN FIND JAPANESE MOTORCYCLES, GERMAN CAMERAS, SWISS WATCHES, BRAZIL NUTS, PORTUGUESE SARDINES AND HONG KONG SHOWER SANDALS.

THERE IS AN AMAZING VARIETY AND VOLUME OF COMMERCE THAT IS CONDUCTED BETWEEN KANSAS AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

WICHITA PORT OF ENTRY

AND NOW, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS FACT AND IN RESPONSE TO THE PROMISE OF THE FUTURE, WICHITA HAS BEEN ACCORDED PORT OF ENTRY STATUS AND WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER FULL CUSTOMS SERVICES TO THE KANSAS AND MID-AMERICA CUSTOMERS OF EXPORTERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THIS WILL MEAN ADDED CONVENIENCE TO ALL PARTIES, FOR GOODS DESTINED TO OUR STATE AND REGION CAN NOW COME DIRECTLY TO WICHITA WITHOUT TIME-CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE STOPS AT INTERMEDIATE LOCATIONS.

FASTER SERVICE AND LOWER COST SHOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO EXPANDED VOLUME OF TRADE AND A STRONGER ECONOMY IN WICHITA, IN KANSAS AND THROUGHOUT MID-AMERICA.

COOPERATIVE SPIRIT

I WAS PLEASED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE WICHITA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CONGRESSMEN GARNER SHRIVER, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN MAKING TODAY'S CEREMONIES A REALITY.

THIS WAS A TEAM EFFORT WHICH ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATE THE GREAT SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WHICH WE HAVE HERE IN WICHITA AND IN KANSAS.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING THE WICHITA PORT OF ENTRY BECOME ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND VALUABLE FEATURES OF THE WICHITA ECONOMY.