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DOLE INTRODUCES BILL AMENDING THE SERVICE CONTRACT ACT OF 1965

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) has introduced a bill amending the Service Contract Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-286). The bill would exempt mail contractors or Star Route carriers from the provisions of this Act.

On July 1, 1967, existing mail contracts will be re-negotiated under the provisions of this Act. Some 10,000 Star Route contractors would be forced to pay the wage rate as determined by the Secretary of Labor, which is the highest possible rate or that of the Motor Common Carriers (Teamsters Union members), and is not an average wage being paid in any area or state.

"The Teamsters are regulated by the ICC, and their employees are exempt from overtime pay up to 60 hours per week, whereas mail contractors must pay overtime after 40 hours of employment in any 7-day period. In other words, for a 60-hour week, mail contractors will be required to pay from \$30 to \$35 per week more than the Motor Common Carriers, thereby placing mail contractors in a higher salary bracket," Dole explained. "Therefore, on wages paid alone, the mail contractors would not be able to offer the lowest contract bid which law requires the Postmaster to accept."

Dole's bill would remove the threat of putting countless contract carriers out of business and the resulting hardships to their families.

COPIES OF MR. DOLE'S BILL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION SHORTLY.