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Changes in Social Security Survivors' Benefits Proposed

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) today introduced legislation to amend the Social Security Act to increase the amount of benefits due an individual at his death which may be paid directly to his surviving spouse.

The Social Security Amendments of 1965 changed the requirements regarding the payment of amounts due deceased individuals. Under these amendments, the present law provides that when a beneficiary dies before completion of payment due him, the amount due may be paid only to a legal representative of his estate and not directly to his widow or other survivors. The only exception to this requirement is where the amount due does not exceed one month's benefit, it may be paid to a surviving spouse who was living in the same household with the decedent at the time of his death.

Congressman Dole explained, "My bill provides that when an individual dies before completion of any payment of Social Security benefits due him, payment of the amount due up to \$500.00 can be made directly to the surviving spouse without being included in the estate. Any payments due in excess of \$500.00 would be included in the estate."

"Present regulations often result in undue expense, inconvenience, and even hardship for the deceased beneficiary's family," Congressman Dole stated. "It is hoped Congress will act on this legislation to alleviate this situation where attorneys' fees and other estate administration costs often eat up almost the total amount before the survivors can hope to benefit."