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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 29 -- The nation's oldest farm group and a Quaker organization today asked Congress to extend the farmer-to-farmer program sponsored by Kansas Congressman Bob Dole.

Testifying before the House Agriculture Committee, representatives of the National Grange and the Friends Committee on National Legislation supported the program, providing U. S. technical assistance to farmers in underdeveloped nations. As yet unfunded, Dole's proposal was adopted in 1966 and amends the Food for Peace Act (P. L. 480).

In his statement, John H. Foster of the Friends Committee said, "The bill...is an example of the imaginative thinking needed in the area of expanding technical agricultural assistance."

In the Grange statement, Legislative Representative Harry L. Graham, said, "We approve...of the farmer-to-farmer concept and would support legislation to see this program implemented."

Dole is a ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee, which is holding hearings on extension of P. L. 480. The Act expires December 31, 1968.