WASHINGTON, D.C, Jan. 23 -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has been appointed to the Senate's Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs.

The purpose of the 13-member committee, started last year, is to study food, health and other related human needs and to recommend legislation to help assure that every U.S. resident has adequate food, medical assistance and other related necessities of life, Dole said.

"What is needed initially is an evaluation of reports indicating the presence of hunger and malnutrition in some areas and secondly, a thorough review of existing programs -- governmental and non-governmental -- which currently seek to meet these needs," he added.