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WASHINGTON, D.C. Nov. 5, 1969---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today that upon final passage of a bill affecting the Ozarks Regional Commission, he will submit a resolution to the Senate Public Works Committee to study adding six Kansas counties to the commission. Nine low-income counties in Southeast Kansas are now members.

Dole, a member of the Public Works Committee, said amendments to the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, would permit more Kansas counties to join the Ozarks commission.

"Expansion of Kansas participation seems reasonable since the six Kansas counties contiguous to the region reflect similar socioeconomic conditions," he said.

The proposed bill also extends the life of the six regional commissions to June 30, 1971.

One section of the bill adds new emphasis to early childhood health, nutrition and education and to programs and research to eliminate black lung and other occupational hazards to miners' health.

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"As with all new institutions, it has taken time to define objectives and devise regional programs, but the commissions have gotten off to a good start.

"The Ozarks Commission, like the others, has brought industry and new hope to low-income areas and residents. Such a program deserves support and expansion."