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WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 18, U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said the announcement of an expanded government food stamp program "will put more food on the tables of needy Americans and represents a giant leap toward ending hunger in the U.S."

Earlier today, Secretary of Clifford Hardin announced details of a major expansion in the food stamp program.

"Without waiting for passage of new legislation," the Kansas Senator said, "the administration has moved to reduce the cost of family allotments and has in many cases, more than doubled the bonus paid to very low income families."