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WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 30, 1970 -- Senator Bob Dole (Rep. Kansas) joined in support of passage of the House-Senate Conference report on 1970 Food Stamp Amendments.

Dole, a member of both the Senate Select Nutrition and Human Needs Committee and the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee, pointed out in a statement on the Senate floor that "in the past, food assistance programs were designed as much to get rid of surplus commodities as to feed hungry people, but in the past two years, tremendous progress has been made in meeting the food needs of the poor. A family food assistance program is now operating in virtually every county in the nation and is reaching over 12 million needy persons. This is largely the result of major administrative modifications made by the Secretary of Agriculture last December.

But Dole stated that legislative changes were required in the basic Food Stamp Act. President Nixon proposed far-reaching reforms last year many of which are contained in this bill.

Adoption of the conference report will improve and revitalize the Food Stamp Program and go a long way toward insuring every American family a nutritionally adequate diet.