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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 26--U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has co-sponsored a bill that would increase from 50 to 80 per cent the amount that may be paid as the federal government's share of the costs of cooperative meat inspection programs carried out by any state.

An amendment to the Federal Meat Inspection Act of 1968, S.1316 calls for the increased federal participation to become effective July 1, 1971.

Hearings on the bill are scheduled for today (May 26) by the Subcommittee on General Legislation. Dole is the ranking Republican of that Agriculture and Forestry subcommittee, with Senators Milton R. Young, N. Dak., and Carl T. Curtis, Nebr.

Commenting on the pending legislation, the Kansas Senator said, "Increasing federal participation in meat inspection from 50 to 30 per cent would be another improvement of the Wholesome Meat Act, making it even better and further insuring wholesome meat to all citizens."