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SPECIAL

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 20, 1971 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.)

introduced legislation this week to save a family from being forced to leave the United States.

Mrs. Dolores Ramirez Sandoval and her three children of Garden City, Kans., have been ordered by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to leave the United States on or by Nov. 1, 1971.

Mrs. Sandoval, who wishes to become a U.S. citizen and establish a permanent home for her family in the United States, contacted Dole for assistance.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Sandoval's husband died while seeking to rescue their children from a fire which destroyed their house. The children, however, managed to escape without serious injuries. The Senator said that in spite of the great misfortune suffered by the Sandoval family after coming to Garden City, they have become a genuine asset to the community.

About two years ago, the Sandoval family entered the United States from Mexico on a visitors permit, and settled in Garden City. Mrs. Sandoval has been employed in the local beef packing plant.

The bill introduced by the Kansas Senator would prevent their deportation and grant Mrs. Sandoval time to establish an exemption under the labor certification program of the immigration laws and take the necessary steps for establishing permanent residency and citizenship.

Dole explained that most often private legislation of this type is not looked upon favorably by the Senate Judiciary Committee, but said he felt the Sandoval case might be an exception due to the family's particular circumstances and their record in the community.

The Kansas Senator said he recognized the good faith of the Immigration and Naturalization Service's directive, and in many cases, its advisability, but he said that in the case of the Garden City family "their permanent residence in the United States would have many mutual benefits to them and their adopted community."