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Rural Development Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 11, 1972 ---- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today expressed pleasure at the widespread support generated for a rural development bill he cosponsored in the Senate. The legislation, Senate Bill 2981 would provide for federal sharing of costs of present and future municipal, industrial and community water supply needs for federal sharing of the cost of environmental protection.

A member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, Dole said, "The fact that 59 Senators have already joined in sponsoring this legislation since its introduction in December indicates a growing national awareness of the importance of rural land use planning and development that will improve the quality of life in rural America."

Dole said this measure would be an important tool in protecting and enhancing environment, including practical measures for handling agricultural wastes to prevent water and land pollution. He explained:

This legislation will enable farmers to manage agricultural wastes in a manner consistent with maintenance and enhancement of environmental quality and provide for better nationwide land use planning.

The bill would authorize federal cost sharing:

- For measures to improve water quality and provide assistance in solving problems of land use and agricultural waste management within existing watershed projects and within Resource, Conservation (R,C&D) projects.
- For present and future municipal, industrial and rural community water needs.
- To allow the use of funds from other agencies, such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Economic Development Administration, in acquiring land rights needed for works of improvement.