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DOLE AMENDMENT TO AID SPARSELY POPULATED RURAL AREAS

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 19, 1972 ---- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has submitted an amendment to the Rural Development Act of 1972 that is directed toward the benefit of the most sparsely populated rural areas (under 25,000 people.)

The amendment will be taken up by the full body of the Senate this afternoon (Wednesday.)

The Kansas Senator's full text follows:

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I would like to call up an amendment I have submitted which provides the assurance that the benefits of Title I and Title II of this bill are delivered to the most sparsely populated rural areas as well as to communities between 25,000 and 50,000 people.

The present language of the bill provides that the funds be expended in communities of less than 50,000. In my state of Kansas, and I would assume it is true in all states, the communities of 30,000 or more population are viable communities and seem to have more accessibility to other federal programs.

It is important that this legislation provides that the less populated areas receive the benefit, for it is largely these communities that lost their population in outmigration to cities, and will require the most assistance for revitalization.

This amendment does provide up to 30 per cent of funds available for communities between 25,000 and 50,000 but at least 70 per cent must be utilized by communities with less than 25,000 population.