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RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT PASSES SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 20, 1972 ---- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) praised the passage of the Rural Development Act of 1972 by the Senate today, calling it a step toward improved living in rural America. The measure passed by a vote of 77 to 0.

Included in the legislation were two amendments submitted by the Kansas Senator.

One provides the assurance that at least 60 per cent of the grants and loans for rural improvement under Title II of the bill will be delivered to the sparsely populated rural areas.

In a statement on the Senate floor today, Dole said the present language of the bill provides the funds be expended in communities of less than 50,000. "In my state of Kansas," he said, "and I would assume it is true in all states, the communities of 25,000 or more population are viable communities and seem to have more accessibility to other federal programs." "It is important," he continued, "that this legislation provide 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."

In his second amendment, Dole called for enhancement of the rural telephone bank to finance rural telephone systems. Dole said that presently, rural telephone banks obtain funds from the private market, however, other federal enterprises, after which this bank was patterned, have authority to borrow from the Secretary of the Treasury.