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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., APR. 2, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole today cosponsored legislation to refine the Wholesome Meat Act of 1968 by increasing the federal assistance for state meat inspection programs.

In a statement on the Senate floor, Dole said that the assistance would go for programs operating under regulations "equal to" the federal regulations required by the Wholesome Meat Act.

The bill would increase the maximum federal share for the operation of a state meat and poultry inspection programs from 50 to 80 percent.

Dole said that although it was not his general policy to support such major increases in federal program costs; that in this case such a step makes good sense on several counts.

#It would save the federal government the difference between paying up to 80% of some state programs and 100% of the costs that would be incurred in the states simply gave up and handed the program over to the federal government.

#It is important for states to continue to be involved in meat inspection since production of meat and poultry is largely under state jurisdiction.

#It is important to hold down programs which would increase the number of federal employees since the federal bureaucracy has a tendency to grow, perpetuate itself and drift away from the basic purposes of the laws it administers.