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"QUICK ACTION NEEDED ON SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM RELIEF"

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- "School lunch programs have been put in jeopardy by higher food and labor costs and increased Federal support is required on an urgent basis," according to Senator Bob Dole, who commented on today's Senate Agriculture Committee action on the School Lunch Bill.

Dole expressed strong support for the bill, which was reported out by the committee, of which he is a member, this morning. It is designed, he said, "to raise basic reimbursement for lunches from 8¢ to 10¢ a day with an additional free lunch increase from 40 cents to 45 cents for children from low income families. This is necessary to offset the increases in costs."

The bill, H.R. 9639 reported today is essentially the same version as passed recently by the House of Representatives. It now awaits action by the full Senate.