



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole said he has been assured that the conference report on the School Lunch bill which contains the Dole impact aid amendment will be taken up by the Senate next week. Dole had requested speedy action on the conference report upon learning the Senate is tentatively scheduled to recess for 2 weeks beginning October 13.

The impact aid amendment offered by Dole would solve conflict between State and federal law which resulted in a September 14 ruling by HEW that would declare Kansas school districts ineligible to receive 1974 federal impact aid payments.

Dole talked with Herman Talmadge, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee emphasizing the need for immediate action on the bill because of the financial situation of Ft. Leavenworth school district and other heavily impacted school districts across the state. Dole said his office has also been assured by Mr. Gerald Clerry, HEW Director of school assistance in federally impacted areas, that the Ft. Leavenworth application would receive prompt attention once the bill is signed into law. Clerry said that the Ft. Leavenworth application would be hand processed and that the money should be in the school official's hands within a week to 10 days after the bill is signed.

Other provisions of the School Lunch bill would increase the from 8 cents to 10 cents, the amount the federal government contributes to a student's school lunch costs. The bill also provides for the food costs and labor costs involved in the school lunch program to be reviewed regularly and escalated in proportion to rises in these costs.