



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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Washington, D.C. - Senator Bob Dole today cited passage of an eleven percent Social Security increase as "very important to the millions of beneficiaries who have been hit so severely by the continuing rise in the cost of living."

Noting that inflation affects those living on fixed incomes earliest and hardest, Senator Dole said, "it is most important that these benefits be sufficient for these Americans to live in dignity and with a decent measure of self respect."

Senator Dole is a member of the Senate Finance Committee which drafted the bill to increase average Social Security benefits by 7 percent in March, 1974, and again by 4 percent in July.

The bill also contains a new Supplemental Security Income program for the aged, blind and disabled. It will replace and expand present State programs, and under it an estimated 45,000 additional Kansans will be eligible to receive monthly income benefits of up to \$146 for individuals and \$219 for couples.

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