



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES ACT PASSED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senate passage (75-15) of the Community Services Act today won praise from Senator Bob Dole, sponsor of a nearly identical measure. But Dole expressed concern that the substantially different version passed by the House of Representatives may make acceptable House-Senate compromise difficult to achieve.

Dole said that if major provisions of the Senate legislation are not retained in Conference, he might have to reconsider his support of the bill. "The House-passed version seeks to obscure social service activities under the bureaucratic umbrella of HEW," Dole said. The Kansas Senator supports establishment of a new Community Services and Community Economic Development Administration to deal directly with local units of operation. "I have seen great accomplishments by the Community Action Agencies in my own State," Dole said, "and I do not want to see their progress impeded by unnecessary levels of administrative red tape so characteristic of HEW. This crucial difference must be resolved in our favor if we are to rid the old OEO programs of problems that have made them so unpopular in the past."

The Senate legislation calls for continuation of Federal matching funds for Community Action programs at 80 percent, and establishes a new authority for Community Economic Development programs -- with new stipulations to insure other Federal assistance, greater resources, and long-term loans to Community Economic Development corporation, as proposed in Dole's original bill.

Kansas agencies that would be continued under the legislation include: SEK-CAP, Girard; MID-CAP, Eldorado; Economic Opportunity Foundation, Kansas City, Ks.; NEK-CAP, Horton; KCAWLIF, Garden City; Community Action Agency, Wichita; SCCAP, Topeka.