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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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ADMINISTRATION TO YIELD TO FARM PRESSURE, SAYS DOLE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "It appears that the Administration is finally yielding to pressure from striking farmers, the Congress and the American public," Senator Bob Dole said today following the first Conference Committee meeting on the Emergency Agriculture Bill. Dole said Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland attended the meeting and indicated that new actions to assist farmers would be announced next week.

"I am pleased that the Administration finally appears to be ready to take steps to ease the crisis situation that currently exists for American agriculture," Senator Dole said. "They have had the authority all along to make many improvements and I hope the plan announced next week will be far reaching enough to provide real relief for farmers. If not, House and Senate Conferees will begin meeting again April 3, and I will continue to press for adoption of flexible parity."

Dole said that while he had not been able to learn what would be included in the Administration plan, he believed key Democrats had already been briefed.

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