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DOLE GETS FUNDING FOR GRASSHOPPER CONTROL

Washington, D.C. --- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) today amended the 1979 Appropriations Bill to provide \$5 million to the Department of Agriculture for an expanded program of grasshopper control during the Spring of 1979.

"It's too late for the Federal Government to take any further action this year. But it's not too late to provide for an expanded program next Spring", Dole stated. "An expanded program is needed next Spring because a major infestation will occur unless timely and coordinated control measures are taken. These additional funds are needed to combat a grasshopper infestation of major proportions that is now nine states in the Great Plains region. More than eleven million acres of cropland are now infested principally in the states of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming."

The Dole amendment, cosponsored by Senators Zorkinsky of Nebraska and Danforth of Missouri was adopted by the Senate today during consideration of the 1979 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The amendment provides an additional \$5 million so that the Department of Agriculture may operate its grasshopper program, not only on rangelands, but also on 3 to 4 million acres of croplands where grasshoppers have laid eggs. Senator Eagleton of Missouri also played a major role in the passage of the amendment through its modification.