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DOLE NUTRITION COMPROMISE AGREED TO BY AG COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON -- The Senate Agriculture Committee today adopted the provisions of a compromise bill introduced yesterday by Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) designed to make \$500 million in child nutrition Legislation budget cuts, as mandated by the Budget Committee.

"Although it is regrettable that any budget cuts have to be made in child nutrition programs at all, I am satisfied with the compromise that was adopted by the committee," Dole said. "We were left in the position of reconciling \$500 million worth of budget cuts mandated by the Budget Committee, and we came as close as possible to reaching this goal. A total of \$501 million in cuts was finally agreed upon. All parties involved had to give up something in order to arrive at a committee consensus.

"During the course of this committee mark-up, we tried to protect the lowest income groups from incurring unnecessary hardship as a result of the federal government's attempts to tighten its belt. It is my hope that we have done this to the extent that it was possible."

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