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DOLE PLEASED WITH CARTER SUPPORT OF DOLE FARM LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today praised President Carter's decision today to support embargo relief legislation introduced by Dole and passed by the Senate on Friday.

"It is clear that the Administration responded to the Senate's efforts in choosing to raise loan rates for grain," Dole said. "They do good work, with a little pressure.

"The President has agreed to the major provisions of my bill, and in doing so, has recognized the need to undo some of the damage done by the grain embargo."

The Dole bill, endorsed today by the President, raises regular loan rates on wheat from \$2.50 to \$3.00, corn from \$2.10 to \$2.25, and soybeans from \$4.50 to \$5.02.

"Farmers, more than any other economic group in the nation, have borne the brunt of inflation and a misguided foreign policy," Dole said. "Farm income is down, and this, coupled with the drought many agricultural states have experienced, has had a devastating impact on farmers. This has simply added to the erosion of confidence which farmers have witnessed due to the grain embargo."

Dole met today with agriculture leaders who earlier had been invited to the White House by the President.