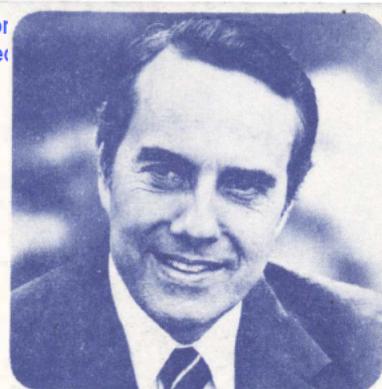


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DOLE COSPONSORS LEGISLATION PROVIDING HEAT RELIEF

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) announced today that he is cosponsoring legislation to aid the elderly and other citizens affected by the extreme heat which has plagued the Midwest in recent weeks.

The package of proposals is in the form of two bills. The first will provide increased flexibility in funding under the Community Services Administration. The second will enable Home Energy Assistance Funds under the Windfall Profits Tax to be used for cooling assistance, including the purchase of fans, air conditioners or other cooling devices, and for the payment of energy bills. Additionally, the Home Energy Assistance Funds will be made available for heating assistance for the winter months. The relief legislation also increases flexibility in certain criteria for qualifying for funds, so that emergency assistance can be provided with a minimum of bureaucratic red tape.

"I am pleased to be a cosponsor of legislative initiatives to assist our nation's elderly during times of extreme heat," Dole said. "It is my hope that these proposals will provide increased flexibility for making funds available under the Windfall Profits Tax and through the Community Services Administration.

"We have all witnessed the reports of the impact of the heat wave on the Midwest and South. This is a tragedy of the highest magnitude, and it is our duty to provide relief in any way we can, and make every effort to prevent death and suffering from happening in the future.

"In the state of Kansas alone, over 60 people have died as a result of intense heat. And other states have suffered even greater casualties. Missouri and Texas were particularly hard hit.

"Our nation's elderly are an especially vulnerable group and we cannot let them try to cope alone."