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## AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE PASSES DOLE BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C.....The U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee today unanimously passed a bill offered by Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan) amending the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

The Dole bill would amend the U.S. Grain Standards Act to eliminate the unnecessary expenditure of upwards of \$9 million a year by the grain industry for official weighing of grain transported into export elevators.

Dole said, "This bill will help eliminate costs without affecting the integrity of our current grain weighing laws. This amendment would give individual shippers and receivers of truck and rail grain the right to decide what's best for their own businesses and what's most cost effective."

Dole stated, "My bill would reduce the unnecessary costs that now exist for a weighing service that in many cases is duplicative and unneeded."

The Dole bill would revise the Standards act by removing the current requirement that all inbound grain at export elevators receive "official" weights issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Grain Inspection Service or its delegated state agency.

Under the bill, the current official inbound weighing requirement would be waived on all intracompany grain shipments transported into an export elevator. The exemption also would be granted--unless requested otherwise by the shipper or receiver--to all intercompany truck and rail grain shipments to an export elevator, as well as to grain shipped from an export elevator to a U.S. destination. The bill would continue to require official weights on all grain transported by barge to an export location unless the shipment is an intracompany transfer.

A companion bill has already passed the House.