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DOLE ENDORSES NEW AG SECRETARY

WASHINGTON -- KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE TODAY PUT HIS STAMP OF APPROVAL ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S NEWEST CABINET SELECTION, AGRICULTURE SECRETARY NOMINEE RICHARD LYNG.

"THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE A GOOD PICK. DICK IS WIDELY RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY AS A HARDWORKING, FAIR MAN. HE'S BRINGING WITH HIM A SOLID AGRICULTURE BACKGROUND AND YEARS OF FRONT-LINE ACTION AT THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT," DOLE SAID. "I DON'T FORESEE ANY PROBLEMS WITH HIS CONFIRMATION."

LYNG WAS THE SECOND IN COMMAND AT USDA UNDER JOHN BLOCK UNTIL THE DEPUTY SECRETARY LEFT THE ADMINISTRATION IN EARLY 1985. DOLE WORKED CLOSELY WITH LYNG ON A WIDE VARIETY OF FARM ISSUES.

"DICK KNOWS HE IS STEPPING INTO A TOUGH JOB. IT WILL BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER TO GIVE HIS NEW TEAM AT USDA STRONG BIPARTISAN SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, AS THE PRESIDENT'S FORMER AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR IN CALIFORNIA, DICK WILL HAVE A DIRECT LINE TO THE OVAL OFFICE FOR THE AMERICAN FARMER," DOLE CONCLUDED.