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AFRICAN HONEYBEE HEARINGS TO BE JUNE 3, 1975

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today announced that the Subcommittee on Agricultural Research and General Legislation will hold hearings June 3, 1975 on S.18, a bill to prevent the spread of African/Brazilian honeybees. Hearings will begin at 10:00 A.M. in Room 324, Russell Senate Office Building.

Dole, who is the author of the bill and the ranking Republican on the Subcommittee, said spread of African or Brazilion honeybees into this country could lead to a multibillion dollar disaster for American agriculture. "The African honeybee could destroy the beekeeping industry in this country, as we know it, and the impact could be not only a severe reduction of honey production, but a sharp decline in the supply of fruits, vegetables and seed crops."

Persons wishing to testify at the hearings should contact the Hearing Clerk for the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, Room 322, Russell Senate Office Building. (Phone 224-2035)

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