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DOLE AND WEICKER TO INTRODUCE CETA LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kan.) and Senator Lowell Weicker (R.-Conn.) agreed today to introduce legislation extending and modifying Title VII of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

The bill being drafted by Dole and Weicker would insure the role of Community Based Organizations, such as OIC, Operation SER and the National Urban League, in federal employment and training programs administered by private industry councils. The existing Title VII program requires inclusion of Community Based Organizations in Private Industry Councils as a result of a Dole amendment to the 1978 CETA reauthorization.

According to Dole, "The existing CETA legislation expires at the end of September 1982. The legislation we will introduce later this month will be an early indication of my belief that CBOs of demonstrated effectiveness, like OIC, must be included in our federal employment and training efforts."

Dole and Weicker met yesterday with the Reverend Leon Sullivan, founder and chairman of Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America (OIC), and Dr. Maurice Dawkins, national executive director of OIC, to discuss the legislation.

Following the meeting Dole said, "I have been a long-time supporter of the efforts of OIC and an admirer of the work done by the Reverend Sullivan. It gives me great pleasure to have an opportunity once again to work with him and Senator Weicker on improving the delivery of federal employment and training programs."

The Reverend Sullivan is the author of the Sullivan Plan for conduct of American business in South Africa. A long-time leader in the Civil Rights movement, Sullivan worked with Dole during the 1978 CETA reauthorization to insure the inclusion of Community Based Organizations on Private Industry Councils, an innovative approach to federal employment and training efforts originated in the 1978 Act.

Dole went on to say that "Involvement of Community Based Organizations is perfectly consistent with the decentralized policies of the Reagan Administration. If we are going to have an effective employment and training program, we need the expertise of organizations like OIC."