

TITLE SUMMARY
DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1989
FOR SENATOR DOLE'S STATEMENT

TITLE I. Emergency disaster payments -- Extends the 1988 Disaster Assistance Act to crops planted in 1988 for harvest in 1989.

TITLE II. Emergency livestock assistance -- Provides \$25 million for emergency livestock transportation assistance and \$25 million to reimburse producers for emergency water development projects due to drought.

TITLE III. Rural business loans -- Allows up to 90% of principal and interest to be guaranteed on guaranteed loans for rural business enterprises affected by the drought.

TITLE IV. Planting of alternative crops -- Extends for one year the 1985 farm bill provision allowing producers to plant up to 20% of permitted acres to specific non-program crops. Crops eligible include canola (excluding soybeans), other varieties of rapeseed, sunflowers, safflower, flaxseed, kenaf, crambe, guayule, milkweed and meadowfoam without a loss of base.

TITLE V. Implementation/budgetary impact -- Requires disaster payments made under this act to be offset by reduction in deficiency payments. Payments would be made on or after Oct. 1, 1989.