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GLICKMAN CONFIRMATION

DOLE BACKS GLICKMAN FOR SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole late yesterday made the following statement on the floor of the U.S. Senate in support of former Kansas Congressman Dan Glickman as Secretary of Agriculture. The Senate today approved his nomination by a vote of 94-0:

As the longest sitting member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I welcome the administration's choice to appoint Dan Glickman as Secretary of Agriculture. I have worked with Dan Glickman for a number of years while he served as a Congressman from the state of Kansas. I can attest to his commitment to agricultural issues and I know the qualifications that he brings to the job.

Throughout his eighteen years in Congress, he earned a reputation as a Congressman who understands the issues, who listens, and who works with his colleagues to find common ground.

Congressman Pat Roberts, Senator Nancy Kassebaum and I introduced Dan to the Senate Agriculture Committee. I think that it is very significant that we three Republicans support his nomination. We may all share a Kansas background, but more importantly we know from working with Dan that he is more interested in solving problems than scoring partisan points.

His experience speaks for itself. He has helped write the last four farm bills--the last one as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Wheat, Soybeans and Feed Grains. We all know that the 1995 Farm Bill will be difficult to write. The Agriculture Committee's recent hearings have hinted at the tough choices that lie ahead. We will need an experienced, committed advocate at the Department of Agriculture. Dan Glickman recognizes the weaknesses and strengths in our current policies, and the fiscal constraints that will play an important role in shaping our future policies. Above all, he realizes that the foundation of our nation is American agriculture.

The people of Kansas are proud of Dan Glickman. I am pleased to recommend him to be Secretary of Agriculture.

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