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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) announced today he has been informed by the Department of Agriculture a change in absentee voting in a farm referendum has been agreed to and is being proposed to conform to a request he had made earlier.

Dole recently protested to Department officials the regulation requiring a person eligible to vote an absentee ballot to appear personally for a ballot at an A.S.C.S. state or county office nearest him.

"It is my contention this would have discouraged many eligible persons from voting in a farm referendum. This is especially true in cases of people who live in areas where there are no offices convenient to them," Dole said.

He stated under the change agreed to, a person eligible to vote an absentee ballot may write or call for a ballot and mail the voted ballot to the county ASCS committee where he is entitled to vote."