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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) announced that in the closing stages of Congress a minor but a very important measure was passed by the Congress which would increase the limitation on floodwater-detention capacity from 5,000 acre feet to 12,500 acre feet, and any structure installed as a part of a watershed project under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act.

This bill had strong bipartisan support and, "in fact," said Dole, "the measure had been introduced by the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Harold Cooley the Vice Chairman, Robert Poage, Congressman Rolland Redlin of North Dakota, all Democrats; and by Congressman Ralph Harvey of Indiana and me, both Republicans."

Dole said passage of this legislation will serve four major purposes:

1. Provide an equitable balance between the floodwater-detention capacity and capacity for other purposes, thus allowing for the full development of available sites for multiple purposes.
2. Reduce the overall cost of the program on particular watersheds that have unusual topography or distribution of benefits.
3. Improve the effectiveness of projects in some areas having unusual topographic features by allowing the protective measures to be located nearer the damage areas.
4. Facilitate the development of feasible projects for some Western watersheds subject to flood damage by snow-melt runoff.

Under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, enacted 10 years ago, watershed developments now are underway in more than 500 communities. Over 40 percent of these developments have multipurpose objectives, combining watershed protection and flood prevention with municipal water supply, irrigation and recreation.

"The most important need for the amendment of the Act in H.R. 9149," Dole said, "is to provide for the full utilization of available reservoir sites for multiple purposes. Among other benefits, it should enable many small municipalities to develop dependable water supplies and attract small industry."