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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) today voted in favor of H. R. 12080, the Social Security Amendments of 1967. The bill provides an across-the-board benefit increase of $12\frac{1}{2}$ percent, increases the amount an individual may earn and still get full benefits, and includes various other changes in the present law.

Dole stated that he feels the present earnings ceiling is inadequate. "I do not feel that the law as it stands reflects the financial realities of the present inflationary period, and I believe H. R. 12080 will help improve this situation."

Dole went on to say he supported the measure because it tightens various welfare loopholes by requiring the development of programs under aid to Families with Dependent Children that would insure that individuals receiving aid would be trained to enter the labor force as soon as possible and because it establishes work incentive provisions under which an employee parent may retain some of his earnings.

"Due to the Great Society inflation," Congressman Dole concluded, "many of our elderly citizens have been faced with a serious situation. Even the $12\frac{1}{2}$ percent increase in Social Security benefits will barely cover the cost of inflation resulting from the fiscal policies of the Johnson-Humphrey Administration.