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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) today introduced legislation designed to complement and extend the Dole sponsored "farmer-to-farmer" program of international agricultural technical assistance enacted by the 89th Congress. The measure, entitled the "International Agricultural Education Assistance Act," would provide assistance to youth organizations such as the Future Farmers of America and 4-H Clubs to cover the cost of programs designed to interest their members in international agricultural service; would provide long term, interest-free loans to college students for the purpose of participating in programs designed to qualify them for involvement in technical assistance programs overseas; would set up an International Agricultural Service Corps composed of individuals dedicated to a career in international agricultural development; and would provide for an Extension Service Worker's Corps for the administration of international agricultural programs through State Extension Services.

In the bill's declaration of policy, Dole stated "The Food for Peace Act of 1966 sets in motion a policy, which in time to come, will deal with the oldest and severest agony of mankind -- the need for food. The United States has declared a world war on hunger through that legislation with the ultimate objective to save lives which will be lost if increases in world food production fail to keep pace with the accelerating increases in world population." Last year, Dole was successful in securing passage of legislation authorizing the formation of a Bread and Butter Corps to provide "farmer-to-farmer" technical assistance to developing nations. "The 'International Agricultural Education Act'," Dole said, "would provide a means to recruit participants for the "farmer-to-farmer" program and would extend the concept of agricultural technical assistance programs on a broader scale."

"We all acknowledge," Dole concluded, "that we cannot sit idly by while millions face potential starvation, but we also realize the U.S. cannot shoulder the burden of feeding the entire world. Through programs such as the "farmer-to-farmer" program and the International Agricultural Education Assistance Act, we can help provide the technical know-how that will help the world to try to feed itself."