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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 5 -- Congressman Bob Dole today introduced a bill to extend the Food for Peace Act (P. L. 480) for three years.

In a statement in the House, Dole said, "This program has helped millions of undernourished people throughout the world. It has been an outstanding example of the great humanitarian instinct and motivation of the American people."

Noting his continuing support of the program, Dole said, "I am particularly proud the program was conceived by two Kansans -- the Late Andrew Schoepel and former Congressman Clifford Hope."

The current Food for Peace Act expires December 31, 1968.

Urging renewal of P. L. 480, Dole said the program should also:

- * Guarantee the farmer fair and adequate compensation for his contribution;
- * Boost market prices, not depress them;
- * Encourage more free enterprise and self-help in the developing nations;
- * Accelerate development of commercial agricultural exports in the private sector;

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- * Provide more technical assistance in the developing nations, and
- * Recognize the serious fiscal strains on the dollar.