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Salina, Kansas.....Speaking to members of the Board of Kansas Electric Cooperatives this morning, Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the U. S. Senate, said that Congress has a continuing obligation to develop a long-range supplemental financing program to improve existing rural electrification services.

Dole stated in his opinion a method of supplemental financing should be developed which would eventually lead to financing independent of the federal government. Dole pledged to continue his efforts to find a workable solution to future financing of rural electrification programs if elected to the Senate.

Congressman Dole also stressed the need for leaders of rural electrification in Kansas to play a more active role in developing economic opportunities in rural Kansas. He said, "The erosion of economic opportunities in many rural sections and the erosion of community institutions, and the subsequent migration of the millions of farmers and rural people to the cities, are having serious consequences for both rural and urban America.

"The rural electric systems here in Kansas and in other states can make valuable contributions in revitalizing their service areas."