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WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 15 -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) fulfilled a campaign promise yesterday in requesting appointment to the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee.

In his campaign for the Senate, Dole said many times that agriculture is the basis of the Kansas economy and that, if elected, his first choice of committee assignments would be the Agriculture Committee.

While this meant bypassing other important Committee possibilities including Judiciary, Space, Armed Services and Banking and Currency, the campaign pledge was kept when Dole was appointed to the Agriculture Committee late yesterday.

"This committee is important to all of Kansas and all of rural America," Dole said. "While commodity programs are often controversial and while the committee itself is often considered a political liability, I am convinced the potential is unlimited not only in developing better farm programs, but also in expanding food for peace programs, soil and water conservation programs and general rural development."

Dole also was appointed to the Senate Public Works Committee which considers legislation concerning flood control, improvement of rivers, harbors, bridges and dams, air and water pollution, construction of U.S. public buildings and roads and economic development.

The Senator said that perhaps more Kansans are affected by the House and Senate Public Works Committees than any other Committees in the Congress.