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MANHATTAN, Kans., April 12 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said he is appointing a statewide advisory committee to help determine "if or to what extent, hunger and malnutrition exist in Kansas."

Speaking here at the Kansas State University Agriculture Open House, Dole said, the committee, to be announced soon, "can be helpful in identifying and defining possible problem areas and recommending remedial legislative and community action."

The Senator, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and the Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, said members of the advisory committee will be selected from Kansas businesses and industries, universities and voluntary groups as well as from the local, county and state government.

"Although solutions to the problems of malnutrition and hunger demand the thought and energy of all of us," he said, "the success we can achieve in Kansas and throughout the U.S. is heavily dependent upon the motivation and support from local communities, private enterprise and voluntary groups."

"We must find better ways to marshal and involve our resources in the private sector if we expect to more meaningfully and permanently meet the food needs of the poor," he added.

Dole noted he has urged top government officials "to more fully explore the role of the private sector in domestic development, marketing and distribution of fortified foods," and to review and recommend ways private enterprise and organizations can better combat malnutrition and hunger.

In his speech, the Senator noted federal food stamp and commodity distribution programs are two examples showing how essential state and local government efforts are.

Pointing out 450 U.S. counties or cities have residents eligible, but not participating in federal food assistance, he added, "These programs cannot serve the people for whom they were intended unless states and local communities implement them."

Dole noted 2,060 Kansans in eight counties participate in the food stamp program. Three other counties -- Neosho, Harvey and Montgomery -- will begin soon. Over 11,000 people in Kansas are taking part in the commodity distribution program. "It appears that state and local officials are trying to make these programs available to a larger number of Kansans," he added.