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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 16 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today cosponsored a bill to establish an international animal quarantine station in the U.S.

Introduced by U.S. Senator Roman Hruska (R-Neb.), June 16, the bill has been referred to the Agriculture and Forestry Committee of which Dole is a member.

The purpose of the bill, Dole said, is to permit U.S. detection and control of animal diseases in imported animals purchased by Americans. Currently imported animals go through health inspection in an international quarantine station in Canada.

"If passed," Dole said, "the bill will permit the US to maintain tight control and high health standards for all livestock and other animals coming into this country."

The quarantine station would be located on an island within U.S. territory and would be charged primarily with barring entry of foreign animals who have hoof-and-mouth disease and other livestock and poultry diseases and pests, he added.