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"Malnutrition is faulty nourishment due to inadequate or unbalanced intake of nutrients or their impaired assimilation or utilization.

"Hunger exists and starvation may occur in a limited number of cases, but the overriding problem is the widespread existence of malnutrition at all income levels although it is most severe among the poor.

"Everyone would agree that there is widespread 'malnutrition' in America and that often-times many Americans are 'hungry,' but this should not lead to the conclusion---too often drawn---that Americans are starving because of lack of food."

Dole also suggested that there are other human needs the committee should consider and that alternatives to the food stamp program should be studied.

"The report dwells largely on the Food Stamp Program with little regard for the multifaceted nature of the problems faced by the poor," the Senator said. "There are many causes of malnutrition---ignorance of what constitutes an adequate diet, unsatisfactory housing and sanitation and inadequate health care. These human needs must be closely examined and priorities recommended if the Committee is going to fulfill its responsibilities.

"Furthermore, there has been much testimony to the effect that the Food Stamp Program may not be truly effective in meeting the needs of the disadvantaged for a nutritious diet.

"Certainly, we should carefully examine the alternatives prior to a vast increase in a program that many feel has been unsuccessful."

Senator Dole has been working closely with the Kansas Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs and will use that committee's recommendations in formulating legislation.