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WASHINGTON, D.C. SEPT. 15, 1969---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today complimented two Administration officials on their efforts to combat hunger and malnutrition in the U.S.

Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Robert Finch and Agriculture Secretary Clifford Hardin testified before the Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs to present the Administration's position on the relationship between the food stamp program and the Nixon-proposed Family Assistance Plan. Dole is a member of the committee.

Dole said, "The Administration's dedication to achieving solutions by a well-defined plan should be recognized as a meaningful re-orientating of welfare programs. It is heartening to see that this Administration realizes that hit-and-miss or narrow plans are not the answer to the problems of the poor.

"What this country must have is a broad attack against hunger and malnutrition. Food stamps alone cannot do the job.

"The Family Assistance Plan, containing food stamps as an important element, can be a starting point for real progress---a starting point which has been too long delayed."