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WASHINGTON, D.C. Nov. 17---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.)

today co-sponsored an amendment which would make dairy manufacturers eligible for indemnity payments if their products are removed from commercial markets because they contain unacceptable chemical residues.

Dairy farmers are currently eligible for such payments under an act passed in 1968. The amendment would extend eligibility to manufacturers of dairy products.

Dole said that present monitoring capabilities are not adequate to insure that pesticide residues in milk purchased by dairy plants can be detected before large volumes of milk and dairy products become contaminated.

"This hazard can result in bankruptcy for many dairy plant operators," Dole said.

"The primary means for overcoming the problem of pesticide contamination is in better and stricter enforcement of regulations on pesticide use. Until such measures are carried out, however, dairy manufacturers remain under the threat of sudden economic disaster through no fault of their own. The proposed amendment would help alleviate this situation."