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WASHINGTON, D.C. Dec. 1---"U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today assailed those who have attacked Nixon's record in dealing with hunger and malnutrition.

"Is it possible that these attacks could be disguised, but deliberate attempts to undermine the upcoming White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health," Dole asked on the Senate floor.

"Charges made by Senator George McGovern (D-S.D.) that the Administration is blocking hunger legislation in the House of Representatives are untrue," Dole continued.

"The President has proposed major amendments to the Food Stamp Program that would provide participants with a nutritionally adequate diet at a cost they could afford. He has proposed that free food stamps be available for the very poorest families and has authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to begin a pilot free stamp program in 2 counties in South Carolina.

"If reforms are being blocked, they're being blocked by a Democrat-controlled committee in a Democrat-controlled Congress.

"Senator McGovern's Food Stamp Bill, which recently passed the Senate, is an enlargement of and embodies the same purpose and concepts as the Administration's bill.

"It should not therefore be construed that the Administration is less interested in eliminating hunger and malnutrition than is Senator McGovern.

"It does not help, in the final analysis, to attack every measure to help the poor simply on the basis that it is inadequate. Rather, it is time we got together on a constructive effort to pass the legislation and vote the funds that are needed.

"The record of the present administration in the war on hunger and malnutrition is one we can be proud of. It should not be subject to unfair and misdirected attacks.