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WASHINGTON, D.C. Dec. 9---U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today said that passage of a Senate bill which would establish an island quarantine station for animals coming into the United States would enable the U.S. to "take advantage of the breeding advances made in other parts of the world and at the same time maintain our strict safeguards against disease."

Dole spoke before the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee of which he is a member. He is a co-sponsor of the bill.

"There is considerable potential for improvement of cattle and other livestock through the introduction of new blood lines into the strains common to the U.S.," Dole said.

"Because of the grave concern for the control and elimination of animal diseases, U.S. laws regulating the importation of breeding animals have effectively barred all imports of breeding stock. This bill would allow such imports and would maintain our disease controls."