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WASHINGTON, D.C. Jan. 22 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.)

today said he is pleased that the Senate Agriculture Committee has favorably reported a bill which would expand and improve the nation's school lunch programs. Dole is a member of the Agriculture committee.

"Congressional acceptance of the Child Feeding Programs Amendments would mean that more meals would be available free or at a reduced rate to children from low-income families.

"The committee report is a step forward in meeting the nutritional needs of the nation's school children.

"I am hopeful Congress will act soon on this important legislation."