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WASHINGTON, D.C. July 24 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today introduced a farm bill identical to the one reported favorably by the House Committee on Agriculture.

Dole, a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, said the nation's farmers urgently need some assurance that a farm bill will be enacted this year.

"I recognize," Dole said, "this bill is far from perfect and that it does not enjoy the support of farm organizations generally, but I also recognize the critical importance of passing farm legislation this year.

"Having served on the House Committee on Agriculture for eight years, I am aware of the difficulties in reaching an agreement on any farm legislation -- particularly in the House because that body is dominated by members from urban and suburban areas.

"The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry may well want to change the bill, but its introduction serves notice that the Senate is concerned with the passage of some type of farm legislation this session."