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WASHINGTON, D.C., NOV. 24, 1970 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today introduced a comprehensive animal protection bill in the U.S. Senate.

The bill is identical to one introduced today in the House by all 15 members of the Livestock and Grains Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee.

Dole, who served on both panels as a member of the House, said he was optimistic that the legislation could be enacted during the special session of the Congress.

The Kansas Senator explained, "The new bill broadens the definition of 'animal' thereby including, within the scope of the Act's protection, additional warm-blooded animals. It also includes for the first time circuses, zoos, road shows, and wholesale pet shops within the regulatory structure of the program."

"But more important," Dole said, "this bill will for the first time commit public policy to course of humane action in the treatment of small animals undergoing experimentation and medical research."

"At the same time, the medical community is assured by the bill that the actual conduct of animal experiments and the results of those experiments will continue to be within their authority. It is a program which will leave the key to the laboratory door in the hands of the research specialist while providing strong encouragement to use humane methods in the treatment of the lesser creatures."