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WASHINGTON, D.C. Dec. 9, 1970 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today praised yesterday's Senate passage of H.R. 19846 which regulates the care of certain animals used for research, experimentation, exhibition, or held for sale as pets.

Dole, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, introduced an identical bill in November.

"While this bill provides for the protection of animals used in research and experimentation," Dole said, "It is not just a laboratory animal bill.

"It extends humane treatment of animals to wholesale pet dealers, zoos, road shows and auction markets. When the appropriate regulations are assured by the Secretary of Agriculture, the conditions under which these animals are held and exhibited will be immensely improved.

"The bill quite properly excludes from its provisions county and State fair livestock shows and such exhibitions as are sponsored by the 4H clubs which are intended to advance the science of agriculture.

"It is recognized that this bill and the regulations to be issued thereunder will require the upgrading of facilities within research laboratories. Our medical schools will find that sizable expenditures may be required for this purpose.

"The Secretary has broad authority as to the timing of specific regulations and I am sure that he will allow our medical schools ample time to get ready for compliance. I would hope that full consideration for the needs for added funds for this purpose would be given by the appropriate governmental bodies."