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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 24 --- The Rural Tel Bank bill passed the House today by a vote of 269-127 to become the Dole-Poage Act.

The House passed measure was an amended version of Senate Bill 70, which was introduced by U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) and was passed earlier by the Senate. Congressman Bob Poage, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, sponsored amendments to the Dole-Poage Act that will be sent to a Joint Conference Committee, where conferees will work out the difference in the House and Senate versions.