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WASHINGTON, D.C., April 5 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has announced the Senate and House conferees for the Rural Telephone Bank Bill (Dole-Poage Act), a bill he introduced early this Session and which has now passed both houses in slightly different versions.

The bill would establish supplemental financing for the small, rural telephone companies and cooperatives.

Named to the joint conference committee are; House Democrats: W.R. Poage (Tex.), Frank A. Stubblefield (Ky.), Graham Purcell (Tex.), Thomas S. Foley (Wash.); House Republicans: Page Belcher (Okla.), Charles M. Teague (Calif.), William C. Wampler (Va.); Senate Democrats: Allen J. Ellender, (La.), Herman E. Talmadge (Ga.), George S. McGovern (S.Dak.), James B. Allen(Ala.), and Senate Republicans George D. Aiken (Vt.), Jack Miller (Iowa) and Dole.

Dole said he expects the conference committee to meet soon after Easter and anticipates the differences between the House and Senate passed versions to be resolved quickly, since they are of an uncontroversial nature.