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Washington-- Senator Bob Dole introduced legislation today that would provide free USDA inspection service for rabbit slaughtering and processing plants. The legislation was co-sponsored by Senator Jim Pearson and introduced in the House by Congressman Keith Sebelius.

"This bill would provide the same USDA inspection services to slaughtering and processing plants for rabbits that are afforded to processors of other animals prepared for consumer food," Senator Dole said.

Senator Dole was a co-sponsor of the Wholesome Meat and Poultry Act and stated it was the intention of these acts to provide such inspection service.

Senator Pearson and Congressman Sebelius pointed out that the legislation would be of specific benefit to Kansas Food Products, Inc. of Hill City, Kansas, a community economic development group founded to provide employment for local citizens and another crop for farmers trying to improve their income.

Senator Dole stressed successful rabbit processing industry in Hill City could mean a source of farm income for the rest of the state.