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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 7 --- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson, Bob Dole and U.S. Rep. Keith Sebelius learned tonight that an announcement will be made Tuesday concerning a change of proposed regulations pertaining to persons under 21 years of age driving farm trucks.

The Kansas Republicans enumerated four exemptions involving 18-21 year olds that are expected to be announced tomorrow at noon:

*Exemption to operate farm trucks with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less.

*Exemption to operate non-articulated farm trucks (not tractor-trailer units) over 10,000 pounds gross weight as part of normal farm operation within 150 mile radius of farms.

*Exemption to operate articulated (tractor-trailer units) trucks controlled and operated by the farmer within a 150 mile radius of farm operations.

Commenting on the action taken jointly by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Transportation, Dole said it "demonstrates once again that this Administration is responsive to the needs of the farmer."

Originally DOT had proposed regulations that would have prohibited anyone under 21 years of age from operating farm vehicles across state lines.

Sebelius pointed out that the action, scheduled for official announcement tomorrow, "is especially good because it provides exemption for custom harvestors."

Pearson acknowledged the "importance of young men to the Kansas farmers" and said he was "pleased these exemptions were obtained for our farmers."