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SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 1, 1972 ---Urging additional funds for the federal school lunch program, U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) pointed out to his Senate colleagues today that "Children with empty stomachs cannot learn." The Kansas Senator, who is a member of Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, said there is no doubt that a direct inter-relatedness exists between nutrition and school success or failure.

The measure to make additional federal funds available for school feeding programs, House Joint Resolution 157, passed the Senate this afternoon by a vote of 75-5.

The Senate passed version of the resolution raises federal minimum funding for lunches for both free and reduced price lunches and for lunches purchased at the regular rate. It raises the federal funding of regular school lunches from five to six cents per lunch, and raises the amount paid per lunch for free or reduced lunches from 30 to 40 cents.

In support of the measure, Dole said:

The effect of providing school feeding programs for eligible students is manifest in many indirect ways. These feeding programs often convince hungry students who are potential drop-outs to stay in school. These students find that learning is a secondary yet important result of feeding programs and our nation is the beneficiary of their education.

To deny our nation of its future productive citizens who contribute in a positive way to the progress of our society is unthinkable. To deny these students of their rightful place in society is deplorable.