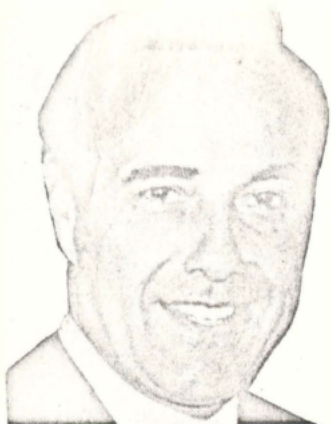


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WASHINGTON, D.C., AUG. 30, 1972 -- President Nixon today signed into law the Rural Development Act of 1972. The legislation, designed to make rural America a better place to live and work, provides financial and technical assistance to rural communities and their residents.

The RDA of 1972 contains several provisions introduced by Senator Dole. They are:

--Guaranteed loans through local financial institutions to businesses in rural communities of 50,000 or less population.

--A requirement that a priority be given for small business loans in rural communities of 25,000 or less population.

--Expansion of the rural fire protection programs.

--Authority to utilize watersheds or water supply storage for rural water districts.