



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., FEB. 20, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole today urged Senate passage of legislation to reinstate low interest electrification loans to rural America.

"Our farmers depend on electric power more every day," said Senator Dole in a statement on the Senate floor. "The use of electricity on the farm has doubled in the past seven years and is expected to double again in the next seven years. It is essential that farmers be able to depend on an adequate supply of power for the future."

Dole emphasized the need for continued support for rural electrification by pointing out that Kansas rural electric cooperatives have only 1.8 customer meters per mile, compared with the national average for REC's of 14 per mile. He also noted that Kansas has nearly ten per cent of the nation's cooperatives which qualify for the broadest assistance under the program.

"Much remains to be done to provide rural residents with the same quality of electric service enjoyed by urban dwellers."