



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAR. 1, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole today supported passage of H.R. 2104, a bill providing for the reinstatement of the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP). The bill passed the House of Representatives on February 7 and was amended in the Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committee last week to include the provisions for reinstatement of funding for the Water Bank. The Water Bank provision will assist in the preserving of ponds and small bodies of water in the Northern area of Kansas. It will also assist in the preservation of migratory fowl.

The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 70 to 10 after defeating a proposed amendment that would have deleted certain non-permanent practices.

Commenting on the passage of the legislation, Dole said, "Kansas is a leader in soil conservation but there are still about 50 million acres that need the conservation practices that are part of the REAP program."