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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today introduced a bill to reinstate certain essential permanent conservation practices in the REAP -- Rural Environmental Assistance Program. The bill provides for the construction of permanent dams, terraces, ponds, waterways, or other soil conserving facilities, on an equal cost-sharing basis.

Earlier this year House and Senate action to reinstate REAP resulted in two different bills. The compromise legislation has been pending action in the House since April 2. The introduction of this bill marks the first effort to resolve the impasse reached on prior legislation in this area.

The conservation practices that would be funded by this legislation are necessary to preserve the raw material, land and water with which farmers produce the food and fiber the people of this nation and the world need. They would also contribute greatly to the overall supply of water and flood control to the benefit of the urban population.