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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today addressed the Conference of the Coalition for Rural Development. In speaking to the group, Dole discussed the problem of outmigration -- young people leaving the farm -- which is threatening the rural way of life. "While there is no single solution to the problem and Congress cannot legislate changes in the prevailing attitudes, Dole states, "it can help to ease the problem by passing fair and improved legislation that seeks to guarantee the farmer an equitable return for his hard work.

Dole stressed the importance of passage of the farm bill, scheduled for Senate consideration Monday. The bill contains a new concept in farm programs -- that of the target price, designed to give new incentives to improve farm income. The bill's five-year duration will mean a steady improvement in the economic condition in rural America.

Dole mentioned passage of the Rural Development Act of 1972, which aims at revitalizing rural areas and to make available to their residents the services and facilities more commonly available to an urban populace. Another program of importance to rural development is conservation. "Conserving practices on our farms have been of help in implementing watershed projects, in controlling runoff, erosion, and in flood protection."