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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate today passed an amendment cosponsored by Senator Bob Dole requiring an adjustment in the price of agricultural commodities in those situations where the Secretary of Agriculture determines that the current price freeze will produce a shortage of a commodity and there is no alternative means for increasing the supply.

Speaking for the amendment Dole said, "if things remain as they are now, consumers will soon find it hard to buy such agricultural products as eggs, chickens or milk. This is because the costs of producing these products, particularly feed grains, have gone up so fast that the farmer cannot get from the middleman or the store a price sufficient to cover his costs."

The Amendment would require in emergency situations an adjustment in the maximum price of agricultural commodities whose supply is being reduced by the freeze. "This would provide the necessary incentive to keep farmers producing the products consumers need," Dole said.