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DOLE URGES EARLY ACTION ON DISASTER LOAN ELIGIBILITY FOR FARMERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole urged early action by the House Banking Committee on his amendment to broaden disaster loan eligibility for farmers.

The amendment would make Farmers' Home Administration 5 percent disaster relief loans available to farmers on the same basis that commercial enterprises receive disaster assistance from the Small Business Administration.

Dole, working with administration officials and co-author Senator Adlai Stevenson (D.Ill.) secured Senate passage on Friday, September 28.

In contacting the House Committee, Dole emphasized the importance the amendment holds for Kansas farmers in light of last week's major storm damage.

"This amendment assures an element of fairness and equal treatment for all disaster victims," Dole said. "A farmer should be on no different basis than any other businessman when it comes to receiving federal help for rebuilding and repairing his property in the wake of a major disaster."