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WASHINGTON, D. C. -- Senator Bob Dole today applauded House approval of rural amendments to the Emergency Medical Services Bill which Dole offered in the Senate when the EMS Bill was considered earlier in September. The Dole Amendments provide for an increase in the fund reservation for rural EMS programs and would also provide technical assistance to rural communities to help develop the EMS system.

In addition, the Amendments provide for an emphasis on rural emergency medical care delivery research.

These same Amendments were offered during House debate on the EMS Bill today and received House approval. The only difference between the bills passed by the House and Senate is that the House bill provides for a 20% set-aside for rural EMS systems while the Senate rural set-aside provision is at the 17.5% level.

Dole said he was hopeful that the Senate would accept the House 20% figure which he had himself proposed in the Senate. If a 20% set-aside figure is approved by the Senate, the bill can go directly to the White House for Presidential approval without the normal delays which result from joint Senate-House Conference consideration of a measure.