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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, DISCUSS IMPACT AID

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Addressing a group of Kansas School Administrators today in Washington, Senator Bob Dole said he had been working with members of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee "to obtain a meaningful and effective permanent revision of the Federal Impact Aid Law."

Dole has said that the Federal law is out of date and has been working for its reform since last fall when Kansas was declared ineligible for impact aid funding. By successfully amending the School Lunch Bill, Dole was able to get the Kansas eligibility restored for the current school year, and as a result, the 95 impacted districts in Kansas are receiving about 8 million dollars through the program this year.

"The problem arose," says Dole, "because the federal law does not adequately cover cases where states, like Kansas, have revised their own school finance laws to equalize school funding. More and more states are planning such revisions, and permanent action must be taken this year to assure that the eligibility of Kansas and these other states is protected."

Dole said the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee was planning to conduct hearings on possible impact aid revision starting March 6th and that he has written to members of the Committee proposing specific changes in the law.