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REA LOAN TO SERVE EIGHT KANSAS COUNTIES

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson today announced a \$1,500,000 Rural Electrification Administration loan to the South Central Telephone Association in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. The Association serves eight Kansas counties and two Oklahoma counties. \$1,230,000 will be used for additional service to Kansans.

Loans are made by the REA through provisions of the Dole-Poage Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-12) which expanded available financing to rural telephone companies. Dole first introduced the bill in the House and again introduced it after he had been elected to the Senate. It passed in 1972.

This loan will be used to finance facilities to connect 184 additional subscribers, construct 34 miles of new line, upgrade service to all one-party lines throughout the system, construct new dial central office buildings in the Iuka and Turon exchanges and finance system improvements.

President of the South Central Telephone Association is Mr. Govan Mills of Lake City and Mr. Joe T. Ellzey of Medicine Lodge is the manager.