



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## INCREASED AID FOR ELDERLY APPROVED

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Legislation cosponsored by Senator Bob Dole to expand nutrition programs for the elderly was approved today by a House-Senate Conference Committee. This amendment to Title VII of the Older Americans Act would increase authorization for the nutrition program to \$250 million from the existing \$100 million. It would also authorize \$35 million to provide supportive transportation, and priority for allocation of these funds would be given to rural areas where no public transportation exists. Funds provided by the program could also be used to support the already established Meals on Wheels programs operating in some areas of Kansas.

"Priority allocation of funds for transportation in rural areas will be especially welcome in Kansas," Dole said. "Elderly persons should not be denied access to a beneficial service such as this merely because their area does not have a public transportation system."