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## DOLE LEGISLATION WOULD EXTEND KANSAS PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole announced today that he and three other Senators will introduce legislation to extend the programs previously funded through the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Under the legislation, a new Community Services and Community Economic Development Administration would be developed to sustain OEO programs. Funds would be provided to maintain direct funding for community action local initiative programs, but with a decreasing federal share so as to encourage greater state and local participation in programs.

The legislation also contains a new Community Partnership provision under which State and Local governmental units could receive additional assistance if they entered into an agreement with the Community Agency in its particular area in programs to strengthen the capability of public and private community institutions in undertaking anti-poverty efforts.

"This legislation will help communities become more aware of local social problems and will build at the local level a capacity to deal with social concerns which have previously been addressed from the federal level," Dole said.

With the CAP agencies leading the thrust, the result will be the development of better solutions to the unique social problems facing individual Kansas communities."

Existing Kansas agencies which would be sustained under the legislation include SEK-CAP, the Community Action Agency in South East Kansas, the Economic Opportunity Foundation of Kansas City, NEK-CAP located in Horton, ECKAN operated out of Ottawa, MID-CAP which serves El Dorado and the surrounding counties, and the City CAP agencies in Wichita and Topeka.

The legislation, which will be formally introduced next Wednesday, is sponsored by Dole, and Senators Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Bennett Johnston (D-La.), and Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.).