



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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Following is the text of enclosed videotape recording:

QUEST: Senator Dole, you have introduced legislation to create a new Community Services and Economic Development Administration that would replace the very controversial Office of Economic Opportunity. Why?

ANS: WHILE OEO--COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE POVERTY PROGRAM--HAS BEEN CONTROVERSIAL, SEVERAL BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN FUNDED BY THE AGENCY. AMONG THESE ARE THE SEVEN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES THAT SERVE KANSAS. THESE "CAP" AGENCIES, AFTER A FEW EARLY GROWING PAINS, HAVE ESTABLISHED A CREDIBLE RECORD IN THEIR AREAS. OUR LEGISLATION WOULD MAINTAIN DIRECT FUNDING FOR THESE AGENCIES, WITH A DECREASING FEDERAL SHARE SO AS TO ENCOURAGE GREATER STATE AND LOCAL PARTICIPATION. IT WOULD ALSO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROVISION. UNDER THIS, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS WOULD RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR USE IN STRENGTHENING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMUNITY ANTI-POVERTY EFFORTS. WIT

QUEST: Senator, if you compare the old OEO agency, and your new agency, what is the real difference?

ANS: I THINK IT'S LOCAL PARTICIPATION. I BELIEVE THE LOCAL CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS HAS BEEN INHIBITED FAR TOO LONG BY FEDERAL INTERFERENCE. BY RETURNING RESOURCES AND

DESISION MAKING POWER TO LOCAL LEVELS, WE WILL SEE BETTER SOLUTIONS
TO THE UNIQUE SOCIAL PROBLEMS FACING INDIVIDUAL KANSAS COMMUNITIES.