



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE LIVESTOCK AMENDMENT ACCEPTED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Senate today approved an amendment authored by Senator Bob Dole that is intended to limit meat imports into the United States. It was accepted as part of the Agriculture Appropriations Bill being considered today.

Introducing the amendment, Dole said, "The time for action is now. We have waited too long for positive action to aid the livestock industry.

"In the past few days, we have seen the import situation grow steadily worse. The European Economic Community extended its ban on meat imports and made it even tighter"

Dole said the Senate had a responsibility to take action to relieve livestock producers from the import problem. "The oversupply of beef we are experiencing presently is a direct result from price controls and price freeze placed on the livestock industry last year." Dole added that the price freeze was instituted by the Administration and supported by numerous Members of Congress.

"This amendment does not accomplish everything that is needed," Dole said, "because of the limited number of possibilities available in amending the Agriculture Appropriations Act." If the amendment is retained in the final bill adopted by Congress, a review by the Department of Agriculture will be necessary to determine the amount the amendment will cause imports to be limited.