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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--"School children won't be forced to go through another winter of standing in the hours of darkness because of Year-Round Daylight Savings Time, and farmers can follow the schedule of their livestock rather than artificially imposed DST all winter," Senator Bob Dole said today. He made the statement after passage of his amendment to exempt the months of November, December, January and February from Daylight Saving Time.

Urging passage of the measure, Dole had said earlier that "the amendment is an acceptable compromise that takes into consideration both energy saved by Daylight Saving Time and social problems resulting from a Year-Round Daylight Saving Time." He reminded the Senate of hardships caused last winter by URDST, saying, "The most tragic impact of the Year-Round Daylight Saving Time bill has been in the numerous deaths of school children in the early morning hours." He also noted the detrimental effect YRDST had last winter on many businesses and especially on farmers. "Farmers working with dairy herds and other livestock find it especially inconvenient to use the DST schedule," Dole said, and added that the total repeal of DST during winter months would be even more desirable for the farm population.

Dole also recounted two weeks he spent in Kansas last January after YRDST had been instituted. He told of children waiting in darkness on highways for a schoolbus, and numerous parents who contacted him protesting the increased danger DST meant for their children.

The Kansas Senator noted that Department of Transportation, after a great deal of study on various DST proposals, had made the same recommendations contained in his amendment. The Conference of Governors has also passed a similar resolution.