



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## SENATE AG UNIT ACTS ON DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK CRISIS

Washington, D.C. -- The Senate Agriculture Committee today agreed to a proposal by Senator Bob Dole to report to the Senate for consideration a measure to increase dairy price supports to 85% of parity. Present price supports are set well below that level.

Attached to the parity bill is a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that meat and dairy imports should be curtailed.

The Senate Agriculture Committee also agreed to an amendment to the Food Stamp Program to require that 20% of food stamp purchases must be for meat, poultry and dairy products. This change, if agreed to by the Congress, would be effected by designating food stamps to be used for meat, poultry and dairy products.

"The conditions in the livestock and dairy industries are disastrous," Dole said, "and consumers are faced with the very real possibility of meat, poultry and dairy shortages unless conditions in the market improve substantially. It is my hope that the legislation we have reported to Senate out of the Agriculture Committee today will improve the situation."

The Senate also agreed that P.L. 480 sales and donations must be made in full consideration of our national interests, the humanitarian needs of the world and our own domestic supply of grain. The Agriculture Committee report will stress that surplus livestock, poultry and dairy products should be used for P.L. 480, where possible.