



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE-HUMPHREY BILL TO AID DAIRYMEN PASSES SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C.---A bill introduced by Senators Bob Dole and Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.), and passed today by the Senate, would raise the dairy price support level to 85% of parity and provide for a readjustment of price supports on a quarterly basis. Attached to the Dole-Humphrey bill is a resolution calling for reduced imports of dairy and meat imports.

Arguing for passage of the legislation, Dole said dairy farmers have faced rising expenses and declining market prices for many months. "Many Kansas dairy farmers have contacted me to indicate that they are, and have been, operating at a deficit. Many of them are facing bankruptcy. This year alone, about 50,000 dairy farmers went out of business--more than 13 percent of the total number of dairy farmers in business in 1973."

Dole said the legislation passed today could help ensure that "consumers have a continuous, steady supply of milk and other dairy products, and at the same time give family farmers and smaller operators an opportunity to stay in business."

Dole, who has introduced other proposals to halt or limit dairy imports, said, "it is difficult for a dairy farmer facing bankruptcy to understand why the government is permitting any dairy imports at all."