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AG COMMITTEE APPROVES RESOLUTION CALLING FOR DELAY OF OSHA REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--At Senator Bob Dole's urging, the Senate Agriculture Committee today approved a Resolution requesting the Department of Labor and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to delay implementation of OSHA regulations affecting agriculture, until hearings have been scheduled and completed. Agriculture Committee Chairman Herman Talmadge directed, at Dole's request, the Rural Development Subcommittee to schedule hearings as quickly as possible.

"The most ludicrous of the proposed regulations," Dole said, "is the 'federal potty program' which would require farmers to provide fixed or portable toilets, hand-washing and drinking facilities in or near fields where more than five employees are working. With OSHA's reputation for handing out numerous citations and stiff fines -- often for minor nitpicking violations -- it is absolutely imperative that the affect of these new regulations be determined before they are thrust upon the country's farming population."

"The proposed regulations appear unnecessarily burdensome and of questionable benefit to farmers, at best. I am hopeful that we will be able to develop workable solutions or alternatives to the regulations during subcommittee hearings."

The full Senate is expected to vote on the Resolution late today or tomorrow.