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DOLE URGES SCHOOL FOOD MANAGERS TO SUPPORT NUTRITION-CANCER RESEARCH

NEW ORLEANS -- Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) said tonight it was "unconscionable" that the National Cancer Institute "spends only about 1 percent of research funds on diet and nutrition-related cancer research".

"We now know that over 80 percent of all cancers are environmentally induced and that about 50 percent of cancers are nutrition-related," Dole said. The National Cancer Institute has a research budget of about \$867 million. Yet only \$3.4 million is spent on diet and nutrition-related cancer research.

"I believe pressure should be exerted on the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute by the Congress, the nutrition community, school food service managers, and the medical community to earmark a much greater percentage of limited public funds on nutrition-cancer research. We need to know what kinds of diets, what nutritional practices, best prevent the development of cancers in later life. And if more money was budgeted, more information would be developed, and even more nutritious, healthy meals could be served in our nation's schools and in other federally-sponsored nutrition programs."

Dole also charged that nutrition research was being shortchanged because of the National Cancer Institute's "peer review system". "As it now stands," Dole said, "the same scientific establishment which determines where N.C.I. research money goes actually winds up with the vast majority of the funds available."

Dole spoke in New Orleans to the 32nd Annual Convention of the American School Food Service Association (ASFSFA). He is ranking Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee and its subcommittee on Nutrition.