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DOLE CALLS FOR SENATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) urged Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Herman Talmadge to, "hold hearings in the Agriculture Committee on the management problems in the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) so committee members can be fully informed of the results of the several investigations and so committee members can obtain answers to any questions they have about FCIC management problems and about the USDA's handling of this case."

In a letter to Chairman Talmadge, Dole stated, "The Congress is considering legislation that would greatly expand the authorities of the FCIC to provide increased services to farmers. FCIC will be called on to serve thousands of farmers with full crop insurance programs."

"There is of severe personnel problems in the agency. We need to know the personnel problems will be solved so that FCIC will be in a position to implement the new authorities if granted them by Congress.

"I urge you to hold hearings in the near future so this matter can be cleared up as quickly as possible."

Dole said, "I believe the Agriculture Committee should exercise its oversight responsibilities at this time. There are many unanswered questions about the FCIC problems and they need to be answered. There are some indications that the agency and its people have been used as a political pawn in the hands of some Carter Administration political appointees."