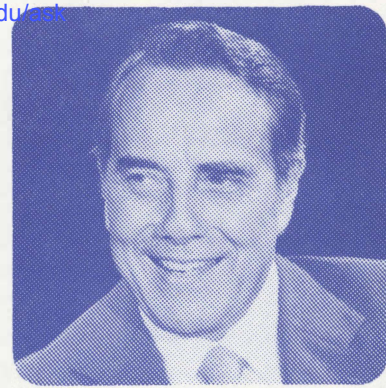


## News from Senator

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### DOLE: HUNGER ISSUE IS A CHALLENGE OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Washington, DC -- The challenge of eliminating hunger in America should be shared by the federal government working in conjunction with state and local governments and the private sector, Sen. Bob Dole (R-KS) testified today at hearings held by the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

In his testimony, Sen. Dole said, "There is a false notion, advocated by some, that the sole responsibility for food assistance, including distribution, should rest with the federal government. It has always been my view that federal efforts should be complemented by state and local governments, as well as the private sector. All of these entities working together should be able to provide assistance to those in need."

"The work of nonprofit organizations - churches, food banks, soup kitchens, and community volunteers - is essential in the war against hunger, and provides invaluable assistance, because these are the people who are able to identify the individuals in their communities who are truly in need," said Dole.

He noted that "while nutrition programs have had a dramatic, positive impact on hunger and malnutrition in this country, the federal bureaucracy, no matter how sensitive, cannot possibly respond to all of the problems of people in need of food assistance. Responsibility must be spread and shared if we are to properly serve those who permanently or temporarily need help. Each individual requires help due to a different set of circumstances, and the federal government is incapable of responding with this type of fine-tuned precision."

Sen. Dole said a vast network of food assistance is in place to assist in meeting the challenge. "There is a very comprehensive food assistance network in place," said Dole, and "somewhere along this chain, access to food is provided, and there should be no reason for people to fall between the cracks."

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11:15 Campaign Announcement  
Plaza Room, Ramada Broadview Place  
400 West Douglas  
Wichita

1:00pm Campaign Announcement  
Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium  
503 North Pine  
Pittsburg

2:45 File Declaration of Candidacy  
Secretary of State's Office  
State Capitol  
Topeka

3:15 Campaign Announcement  
Dole for Senate Headquarters  
527 Southwest Topeka Blvd.  
Topeka

4:30 Campaign Announcement  
Town Hall Room, Holiday Inn  
424 Minnesota  
Kansas City

Saturday, May 24:

10:30am Forum on Nutrition issues  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
701 North 7th  
Kansas City

11:30 Grant Presentations by Dole Foundation  
Lobby, City Hall  
Kansas City