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Press Release

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Congressman Bob Dole stated hearings will be held before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee March 22 on legislation to extend development periods on irrigation contracts where such contracts have a development period of less than 10 years provided.

Dole and both Kansas Senators as well as Congressman Weaver of Nebraska and both Nebraska Senators last year introduced bills to extend the development period in these cases.

"Farmers in the Bostwick Irrigation District in my district are strongly in favor of this legislation since under the terms of the contract entered into between the Board of Directors of the Bostwick Irrigation District and the Bureau of Reclamation, a 5-year development is provided.

"This bill extends the development period to ten years without reducing the 40-year period in the present contract for repayment of construction of the distribution system. The bill would not affect operating and maintenance costs of the distribution system or water service charges", Dole said.

"In other words, the bill, if passed, would simply defer the time farmers start repaying costs of the distribution system for an additional five years".

Dole stated he will appear before the Senate Committee.