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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE, TALMADGE OFFER GRAIN INSPECTION PLAN

Washington, D.C. -- Senators Bob Dole (R-Kan) and Herman Talmadge (D-Ga) today proposed a move to strengthen the U.S. grain inspection system, shaken by scandals that have been the subject of recent Senate Agriculture Committee hearings.

"This action is necessary to maintain the credibility in America's international grain trade," Dole said, "Foreign buyers everywhere know that American grain is of the highest quality and this action will help insure that it retains that quality during shipment."

Dole and Talmadge outlined their proposal in a letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee, stating that they intend to offer an amendment to the Agriculture Appropriations Bill on Tuesday, July 22, to provide \$7 million for an additional 285 supervisory grain inspection personnel. 185 of these new inspectors would be employed at ports to supervise the inspection of export shipments and 100 <sup>would</sup> ~~be~~ utilized at interior inspection points. The Agriculture Appropriations Bill is now in its final stages in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Dole, the senior Republican on the Agriculture Committee, and Talmadge, Chairman of the Committee, are ex officio members of the Senate Subcommittee on Agricultural Appropriations.

Their letter underscored the importance of farm exports, pointing out that \$22 billion of farm exports last year prevented an \$18 billion balance of payments deficit that would have been disastrous to the U.S. economy and the position of the dollar.