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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVES DOLE-TALMADGE GRAIN INSPECTION PLAN

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Senate Appropriations Committee today approved \$5 million to provide 285 additional supervisory grain inspection personnel. The action follows a July 19 request to the Committee by Senators Bob Dole and Herman Talmadge to strengthen the U.S. grain inspection system by increasing the number of inspectors.

Dole, ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee, and Chairman Talmadge said their Committee plans permanent legislation to prevent the kind of scandal that has occurred recently in U.S. grain exporting. They said Committee investigations have already shown that "a large increase in Federal personnel" will be necessary. "Unfortunately, the number of supervisory personnel has been decreasing in recent years while the volume of grain exported has been multiplying," the two Senators pointed out.

The Dole-Talmadge proposal provides for 185 of the new inspectors to be employed at ports to supervise inspection of export shipments and 100 at interior inspection points.

"Our reliability is the foundation of our international grain trade," Dole said. "In light of the recent scandals involving some U.S. grain exports, this action, expected to be followed by full Congressional approval, will demonstrate U.S. determination to maintain the integrity of grain trade and help strengthen foreign buyers' confidence that they can expect to receive the high quality U.S. grain they had come to rely on over the years."