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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE, MCGOVERN SPONSOR FOOD STAMP REFORM BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R. Kan.) has again joined with Senator George S. McGovern (D-S.D.) in the introduction of legislation to reform the food stamp program.

Last year the Senate passed a bill patterned after a measure sponsored by Dole and McGovern. But the House adjourned without acting on its version of the food stamp measure, and the program remained intact.

### NO CASH REQUIREMENT

Dole said today the changes he and McGovern favor would:

-- Make it easier for the deserving poor to use the stamps by eliminating the present requirement that they pay cash for part of their allotment.

-- Tighten the income eligibility limitations so that undeserving upper income recipients are no longer able to use them.

-- Help the taxpayers by eliminating the administrative costs associated with the sale of stamps.

### WORK RULES

The Dole-McGovern bill also would reduce the value of the stamps -- from the present net monthly benefit of \$116 for a family of four who have an income of \$200 a month, to a new net subsidy of \$106 a month. But eligible families could receive stamps without paying for them.

Other provisions of the bill would strengthen the work requirements for able-bodied recipients and make it easier for working mothers to deduct their child day-care costs from the income eligibility standards.

The new Dole-McGovern bill, similar to the one they co-sponsored last year, was introduced on Tuesday and referred to the Agriculture Committee, on which they both serve. Committee hearings are scheduled for March 8 and 9.