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## NUTRITION SUBCOMMITTEE TO MEET ON TUESDAY DOLE TO CHAIR FOOD STAMP PROGRAM OVERSIGHT HEARING

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that the Subcommittee on Nutrition, of which he is Chairman, will hold an oversight hearing Tuesday on state implementation of reforms enacted in the Food Stamp Program during the last several years.

The hearing will look into the current error-rate sanction system, anti-fraud activities resulting from the 75% Federal matching funds, new procedures established for collecting over-paid benefits, matching wage and other income data through the Social Security and unemployment systems, use of expanded on-line alternative issuance systems, techniques for reducing mail issuance losses, and replacing lost and stolen food stamps.

The hearing will take place in the Agriculture Committee Hearing Room, 328-A Russell Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 1983.

witnesses will include state and local food stamp program administrators representing counties or cities which have been most effective and innovative in implementing the new authorities enacted by the Congress in the 1977, 1981, and 1982 food stamp amendments.

"The reforms we have enacted for the Food Stamp Program during the last few years have just recently been implemented and are beginning to have an impact at the local level," said Senator Dole. "These changes have already done much to improve public acceptance of the Food Stamp Program by enhancing the program's image. We need to find out if these administrative reforms and anti-fraud measures are effective, and we are open to recommendations for further reforms to tighten up this very visible food assistance program."

### witness List

John Bode, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Leland Hall, Director, Office of Food Programs, Michigan Department of Social Services; President, American Association of Food Stamp Directors

Dr. Donald Roark, Commissioner, Mississippi Department of Public Welfare; Chairman, Food Stamp Committee, National Council of State Public Welfare Administrators

William Whalen, Director of Special Operations, Office of the Inspector General, Texas Department of Human Resources

Carla Nakata, Director of Food Programs, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Patricia Jacobs, Deputy Secretary for Income Maintenance, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

John Cubine, Commissioner of Social Insurance, Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources

James A. Krauskopf, Commissioner, New York City Human Resources Administration