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DOLE RELEASES STATEMENT ON REAGAN VETO

WASHINGTON -- Following President Reagan's veto of legislation containing a Democrat-sponsored budget-busting agriculture credit package, Kansas Senator Bob Dole today released the following statement:

Now that President Reagan has cleared the air on the farm credit issue, I hope that farmers and their bankers will now focus on the benefits of the Reagan Administration's comprehensive Debt Adjustment Program. Given all the recent rhetoric and distorted media reports on the issue, I can understand why many farmers are confused about what kind of relief is available. Most of what farmers have heard lately is pure politics.

President Reagan's program is a good program -- one that has been in place for months. In my view, the Administration has been sensitive to farm problems and has moved responsibly to lend a helping hand. The latest indication of this concern was demonstrated on Tuesday when Secretary Block announced haying and grazing privileges on set-aside acreage for producers across the grain belt.

The important business of securing long-term economic recovery for the nation still awaits us, so let's get on with it. The best farm program would be a Congress willing to make the tough choices on deficit reduction. Some Democrats seem to have forgotten that priority.