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SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS GET NEW LOOK

WASHINGTON -- The familiar green punch-card Social Security checks are slated to take on a new look beginning December 3, according to Kansas Senator Bob Dole.

The new checks will feature the Statue of Liberty on various pale colored backgrounds and will have more than three dozen security features to make the checks more counterfeit-resistant. The new checks will also save the taxpayers more than \$6 million per year in paper stock and storage space.

The U.S. Department of Treasury began planning the check conversion project in the late 1970's to keep up with technology and the need to conform to generally accepted banking procedures. Currently, the government issues 600 million checks every year. Of these, 260 million are sent to Social Security beneficiaries, and 43.5 million to supplemental security income (SSI) recipients. SSI checks will be changed beginning April 1, 1986.

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