

## News from Senator

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### DOLE CO-SPONSORS BIPARTISAN BILL TO AID HOMELESS

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) YESTERDAY JOINED SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BOB BYRD (D-W.VA.) IN INTRODUCING THE "URGENT RELIEF FOR THE HOMELESS ACT."

"This bill is a starting point," Dole said, "designed to help focus our efforts to help the homeless. Instead of creating new programs, we hope to tailor existing ones to meet the needs of the homeless -- many of whom have fallen through the bureaucratic cracks. This is the quickest and surest way to ensure the benefits get to those who need them," Dole said.

Senator Dole pointed out that the package attempts to deal with all the problems affecting the homeless -- not only housing, but nutrition and health needs as well. "One key feature of the bill is the guarantee that all homeless children are eligible for any educational program to which they are entitled, regardless of whether or not they have a fixed address," Dole said. "We need to do everything we can to see to it these kids have a chance to lead normal, productive lives."

The bill would authorize a total of \$400 million in funding for fiscal 1987. Dole pointed out, however, that many Republicans involved in drafting the bill believe that the cost of the measure should not be added to the deficit. "We have agreed to further discuss costs and funding mechanisms available to us during consideration of upcoming appropriations bills," Dole concluded.