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DOLE INTRODUCES COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION FUNDING BILL

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION, WHICH HAS BEEN OUT OF MONEY SINCE MAY 1.

"Those of us who represent farm states have gotten an ear full from some of our constituents who can't understand why Congress can't pass a simple spending measure that allows the federal government to live up to its obligations to farmers. I don't blame them for being confused and angry." Dole said.

"Every year we go through this ritual of holding CCC funds hostage to unrelated matters. And each time it ends up disrupting the normal business operations of American agriculture. The grain farmer suffers, dairy farmers suffer, the local elevator suffers and small businesses and communities throughout rural America feel the impact."

"CCC funds are long past due . America's farmers have been waiting and wondering what the government is doing -- or in this case not doing. I hope the Senate quickly adopts my bill, so the President can sign it, and farmers can get on with their work," Dole concluded.