

BOB DOLE
1ST DISTRICT, KANSAS

243 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
AREA CODE 202
225-2715

COMMITTEE:
AGRICULTURE

DISTRICT OFFICE:
210 FEDERAL BUILDING
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS 67501

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Washington-Rep. Bob Dole stated today that he was opposed to extending the term of House of Representatives members to four years as recommended by President Johnson in the State of the Union Message Wednesday evening.

"In my opinion", Dole stated, "the voters in a congressional district should have the right to reject or approve their Representative every two years.

"Congress can best meet the demands of present day America by keeping House terms at two years and reducing Senate terms to four. Without question the members of the U. S. House of Representatives are closer to the people they represent.

"A four-year term could conceivably give a member a three-year vacation and one year of hard campaigning. The argument that a four-year term would reduce campaign costs is highly speculative in my opinion, and the result might well be that the cost would double if the term of office is doubled.

"The President's proposal might mean more job security for members, but I seriously doubt it would mean better representation." Dole concluded by saying there were many more important congressional reforms needed, and that he would issue a more detailed statement at a later date.