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Rep. Bob Dole (R. Kans) today urged passage of the Veterans' Re-Adjustment Benefits Act of 1966. The measure was considered today in the Congress and provides numerous benefits to veterans discharged since January 31, 1945.

The key provision in the Bill provides educational benefits but also includes provisions extending guaranteed and direct home-loan programs, preference in federal employment, job-counseling and job placement assistance, and protection for those who are renting homes when called into service, as certain other benefits now provided to World War I, World War II, and Korean conflict veterans.

Dole stated in supporting the measure, "There are some who have resisted the measure in the name of economy. It is indeed difficult to reconcile this view with the recent record of spending. The express purpose of the legislation is to enhance and make more attractive service in the armed forces of the U. S. and in addition, to provide assistance to those who serve in the armed forces in attaining the vocational and educational status they might normally have aspired to and obtained, had they not served their country.

"Not all those who serve are exposed to the dangers of combat, but the choice is never theirs. All those who serve, do, in effect, give a portion of their life to the service of their country for the benefit of all Americans. If billions can be spent on 'Great Society' programs, a little can be expended to assist those who have kept, and are keeping our Society free."

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