

CONGRESSMAN DOLE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON FOR RELEASE: WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 1967

DOLE COSPONSORS COMMISSION BILL

Washington, D. C. -- Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kansas) has joined other members in sponsoring legislation which, if enacted, would create a bipartisan Commission on Balanced Economic Development to study the extent of economic recession in rural areas, and suggest solutions to problems of economic imbalance throughout the United States.

"Rural economic distress is directly related to the tragedy of American cities," Dole stated. "Establishment of a bipartisan Commission to review the entire problem of economic imbalance throughout the nation could produce an objective study of our truly national problem.

"America's center cities are in difficulty. Their tax base is disappearing. The people are under-employed or unemployed. To ignore the crisis in economic development in the cities is to hasten the destruction of the viability of the American economy.

"At the same time," Dole continued, "the rural recession adds to the Nation's agonies. Our rural areas, being depopulated by automation in this technical age, are sending more and more people to the center cities to increase the overcrowding and misery already in evidence there."

The Commission, if created by adoption of the resolution introduced, would provide an analysis and evaluation of the role of state and local government in promoting geographic balance in the economic development of a state or region. The Commission would further be responsible for recommendations to both Federal and private interests for action to help the pockets of depression in this land of plenty.

1967 Law Increases Vet Pensions

"Vietnam era and other veterans and dependents in Kansas' 1st Congressional District are expected to receive an increase of \$620,710 in benefits from the VA during the next 12 months," Congressman Dole reported.

The added payments go to veterans and their widows and children in various benefits provided by the Veterans' Pension and Readjustment Assistance Act of 1967 recently signed into law.