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WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 18, 1967 -- U. S. Rep. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has co-sponsored a resolution calling for investigation of mail and passenger train service.

Introduced by U. S. Rep. Joe Skubitz (R-Kans.), the resolution authorizes the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee to review the effects of discontinued railway mail contracts and decreased passenger service.

"Prompt delivering of mail has deteriorated deplorably in western Kansas," Dole said. "The number of letters I have received concerning this grave situation has mushroomed."

The Congressman said the widespread complaints show primary concern with removal of train mail cars and with withdrawal of entire trains in some areas.

"The effect of suspending rail service would almost totally isolate certain communities in Kansas and throughout the Midwest," he added.

Dole said he is conducting a limited survey in western Kansas to determine the lapse of time between sending and receiving mail.

He said he plans to use data from the survey to help encourage the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee to investigate the Post Office Department's mail service policies.

"Local postal employees are not responsible for the poor service," Dole said. "Corrective action is needed, however, at the federal level."