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CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE APPOINTED TO URBAN AFFAIRS TASK FORCE

The appointment of Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kan.) to the Urban Affairs Task Force was announced today by Congressman Charles Goodell (R-N.Y.), Chairman of the Planning and Research Committee of the House Republican Conference of the House of Representatives.

In announcing Dole's appointment, Congressman Goodell said, "The addition of Mr. Dole to the task force brings added vigor and perception to this group which is devoting its energies to finding fresh approaches to the problems of urban centers.

"The rapid growth of our cities presents America with many nagging problems. Now two thirds of all Americans live in urban centers and suburbs. Many authorities on population trends feel that in a little over ten years three fourths of our population may be urban dwellers," Goodell asserted.

Goodell charged that many federal programs designed to relieve problems created by the dramatic growth of our cities are unrealistic and have created only false hopes, frustration, and despair. New approaches to our urban ills are badly needed, he said.

The task force was created to assist the Congress in the development of realistic solutions to the problems of the cities. In addition to initiating its own studies in urban affairs, the task force will establish liaison with existing groups concerned with urban problems, including urban government officials, and it will conduct fact-finding visits to selected metropolitan areas.

Congressman William Cowger (R-Ky.), Chairman of the Republican Task Force on Urban Affairs, welcomed Dole's membership on the task force saying, "We need men of vision and imagination to help develop programs to replace the unworkable programs created over the past eight years. Congressman Dole's appointment will lend new ideas, and I am greatly pleased to have the understanding and cooperation his addition brings."