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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 2 -- Congressman Bob Dole today introduced a bill to tighten court control over release of defendants without bond.

Under Dole's bill which would amend the Bail Reform Act of 1966, the court's condition of release is that the defendant would not constitute a danger to the community.

In a statement in the House, the Kansas Congressman said, "The 1966 Act virtually requires the Courts to release looters and even arsonists caught in civil insurrection on personal recognizance."

"The immediate release of these rioters constitutes a real threat to the community and should not be tolerated," he added.

"While I am aware of the urgency for releasing a defendant most likely to be law-abiding until his trial," Dole said, "the pattern of civil disorder in our cities from April 5 to 10 demands new legislation to control the rioters, looters and arsonists caught in the act."

"Amendments must come soon to avert recurring disaster in the cities this summer and fall," he added.