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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 21 -- Congressman Bob Dole today called for Congressional review of government census questions.

In a statement in the House, the Kansas Congressman said, "I am convinced the proposed census of poulation, housing and unemployment for 1970 contains many irrelevant questions."

Dole said he referred to census questions such as "How many bathrooms do you have?". "Do you have air conditioning?", and "If so, do you have one or two individual room units or a central air -conditioning system?".

"The absurdity of these questions," Dole said, "is made more serious when one considers the penalty for failure to answer these consumer-oriented questions is a \$100 fine or 60 days in jail."

"Not only should no marketing survey involve the tampayers' money," he added, "but the suggestion of big brother watching you is invasive."

In urging Congressional review, Dole said, "The Congress must protect the general population from census questions which are harassing, too personal or impossible to answer."

Dole also said the Congress should consider voluntary census forms "to gather other than essential, minimum information."