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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 9 -- U. S. Senator Bob Dole will speak to Republican groups in four states and visit Independence, Kans. during an eight-day Congressional recess observing Abraham Lincoln's birthday Feb. 12.

During the recess, which begins Monday, Feb. 10 and ends Sunday, Feb. 16, Dole will be in Illinois, Ohio, Arkansas, Kentucky and Kansas to discuss major issues confronting President Nixon and the 91st Congress.

On Lincoln's birthday, Dole will speak in Springfield, Ill., where Lincoln practiced law as a young man, and in Lexington, Ky., the home of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of the 16th President. He will also speak in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 13 and Bentonville, Ark., Feb. 14 and will attend the Lincoln Day celebration in Independence, Kans., Feb. 15.

After the Congressional recess, Dole will also speak Feb. 22, Washington's birthday, in St. Joseph, Mo.