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WASHINGTON, D.C. Nov. 8, 1969---"The best Christmas present we could give our draft-age young men would be passage of the President's draft reform proposal," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today.

"I find it difficult," he said, "to understand the attitude certain prominent members of the majority have taken toward current legislative proposals for draft reform. They have been among the foremost voices crying against the inequities and unreasonableness of present draft laws. Yet, when the President proposes a legislative solution for many of the undesirable features of the current law, these great crusaders fail to support his proposal because it would not accomplish everything they would wish.

"Instead, they recommend that action be postponed until next year.

"This attitude does not seem to be consistent with their loudly proclaimed devotion to draft reform, nor does it appear to be a realistic approach to the legislative process.

"The draft reform proposal might not go as far as some would like it to, but it is a meaningful beginning and we owe the draft-age young men of America a fair, reasonable and constructive start on Selective Service reformation."