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WASHINGTON, D.C. April 1 -- "The Supreme Court's decision concerning a trial judge's powers to maintain decorum and order in court is a significant and much-needed reaffirmation of a fundamental principle of government," U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) told the Senate today.

Dole made the statement in reference to the high court's decision that a judge may restrain, hold in contempt or remove an unruly defendant.

"Ours is a government of laws, not of men," Dole said, "and any interference with the orderly processes by which justice is administered cannot but jeopardize the security of each citizen's rights.

"Those who would convert the halls of justice into circus arenas can be assured their causes will be impartially considered, but they must know also that conduct unbecoming the court room will be met sternly with the full weight of judicial authority and power."