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WASHINGTON, D.C., DEC. 3, 1970 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) has called for Congress to determine if existing Federal Aviation Agency standards are sufficient to prevent evasion or violation of safety regulations and if the FAA has sufficient resources to implement these standards.

In a statement on the Senate floor, Dole cited four areas where certain standards should be applied; first, mechanical condition of aircraft being chartered; second, the right to charter; third, pilot qualification and flight crew capability; and fourth, flight planning.

Dole said, "During the last month three tragic airline crashes have claimed 152 lives. These deaths have left each of us saddened, and we share in the sorrow of the friends and loved ones."

"But the question now is, what precautions can we take to best minimize injuries and loss of lives from such accidents in the future?"

"At the National Transportation Safety Board hearing on the aircraft accident involving the Wichita State football team, I proposed that the Congress review FAA and CAB practices and procedures to determine if additional legislation is necessary."

The accidents at Huntington, W. Va., and Anchorage, Alaska, will probably raise additional questions which only an in-depth investigation will reveal. I urge the appropriate Senate committees to act on these questions early next session."