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WASHINGTON, D.C., MARCH 10, 1971 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole today said, "Swift approval of S.J. Res. 7 is the best and most appropriate means of establishing an 18-year-old minimum voting age for all elections."

Dole said, in a statement on the Senate floor, that the Senate should approve the proposed Constitutional Amendment contained in this Resolution and send it to the House.

The Kansas Senator said that under the present state of the law, separate registration and balloting procedures will be required for those individuals who are qualified to vote for candidates for Federal office and those qualified to vote for state and local candidates and issues.

"Needless to say, this requirement will impose a substantial burden on state and local election officials," Dole said, "The monetary and administrative factors are staggering; the cost for <sup>1</sup>implementing dual systems in the 47 states required to deal specifically with at least 10 million voters between 18 and 21 is estimated to be in excess of \$20 million."

"In view of the Congress' creation of this problem it is imperative for Congress to act expeditiously to remedy it."