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LOS ANGELES, March 31 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said here today that the government must be prepared to adjust to the economic fact that with continued winding down of the war in Southeast Asia, further defense cutbacks are inevitable.

Dole, whose own state of Kansas, like California, has been particularly hard hit by unemployment resulting from defense production cutbacks. As a member of the Senate Committee on Public Works, Dole spoke at the field hearings of its Subcommittee on Economic Development.

Dole explained that the Los Angeles hearing is intended to provide an opportunity to review the effectiveness of the public and private responses to the defense cutbacks so that the Subcommittee can determine how to stimulate both short and long-term economic development for the stricken areas.

The Los Angeles hearing is part of a series of nine being conducted throughout the country by the Subcommittee.