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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 16 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said the 55-42 vote defeat in the Senate today of the McGovern-Hatfield Amendment in no way reflected pro or anti-war sentiment. Dole said "all members of the Senate are opposed to war." In a statement issued following the vote, the Kansas Senator said:

The defeat of the tenth version of the so-called "End the War Amendment" is a decisive demonstration that the Senate refuses to take a no-confidence vote against the President.

Today's vote was not a vote for or against war. The McGovern-Hatfield amendment in no way separated the pro-war Senators from the anti-war Senators. Every member of the Senate is against war. The McGovern-Hatfield amendment merely was an attempt to tie the President's hands and limit his abilities to fill his constitutional duty as Commander-in-Chief.

By its vote the Senate demonstrated its confidence in the President and its belief in his record of ending American involvement in the Indochina conflict. The President is ending our involvement. He is making significant advances in the quest for peace. And I hope the North Vietnamese will read this vote as a statement of resolve to back the President in his efforts.