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WASHINGTON, D.C., June 17 --- U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) said today he "fully shares the President's concern for drug abuse." Dole, who has cosponsored two measures this session which would work to curb illicit drug traffic, commented today following the President's Omnibus Drug Control Legislative Message:

Drug abuse has reached national emergency proportions, and to date, efforts to control it have been insufficient. The President, however, demonstrated today by the comprehensive drug control program he proposed to Congress that he understands the problem's magnitude.

Some earlier attempts have been inadequate because they covered only one aspect of the problem, such as law enforcement or addiction treatment. The Administration's \$371 million drug control program, however, would provide funds and services in the areas of rehabilitation, education, enforcement, research and international drug traffic control. A Special Action Office for Drug Abuse Prevention within the Executive Office would be responsible for coordinating all efforts by federal agencies as well as serving as a central authority for developing overall federal strategy for drug abuse programs.

The Kansas Senator said "time is critical in the nationwide battle against drug abuse" and that he would work to expedite the President's program through Congress.