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Equal Rights Amendment

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 29, 1972 ---- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) reaffirmed his endorsement of the Equal Rights Amendment today in a statement given on the Senate floor. The statement follows:

I was gratified to learn that the Committee on the Judiciary has today --- by a vote of 14 to 1 --- favorably reported the Equal Rights Amendment. This overwhelming support for the measure assuring full and unquestioned equality for women in America is both significant and welcome. The significance of this action lies in the fact that one of the last hurdles to Congressional approval has been cleared. And this action is all the more welcome because such a strong endorsement gives the amendment a Congressional momentum it has not had since introduction by Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas nearly 50 years ago. I have previously expressed my support for the Equal Rights Amendment and take this opportunity to reaffirm my endorsement. I am hopeful the Senate can take up consideration of the amendment at an early date and join the House in approving it without inhibiting or crippling amendments. Following such Congressional approval, I am sure the state legislatures will be quick to provide ratification and thereby put an end to any question of the legal and constitutional status of American women.