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WASHINGTON, D.C., MAR. 28, 1972 -- Senator Bob Dole today hailed the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment by both houses of the Kansas State Legislature. Dole had contacted the leaders of the state legislature on March 24, and urged them to take the amendment up as soon as possible.

Dole said today, "I note this event with a particular sense of pride and historic significance for the state of Kansas... I do so because the Equal Rights Amendment was first proposed in 1923 in Congress by Charles Curtis, a great Kansan who long served in Congress and was later elected Vice President under President Herbert Hoover.

Senator Curtis drew attention to both Kansas and the Republican party for a solid and forth-right position in the cause of women's rights... the action today by the Republican dominated Kansas legislature carries on that cause in the highest tradition.

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