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WASHINGTON, D.C., APR. 3, 1973 -- Senator Bob Dole said today following the Senate's vote on the Vocational Rehabilitation Bill:

"Today's Senate vote upholding President Nixon's veto was a victory for fiscal responsibility in government. It was not -- as some have misrepresented it -- a defeat for the interests of America's handicapped citizens.

The vote was a test of whether Congress was going to embark on a spending spree to add \$50 billion over three years to the federal budget.

It was unfortunate that Congressional maneuvering made the Vocational Rehabilitation Bill the focus of the first engagement in the so-called battle of the budget, because this program has traditionally received broad support in Congress from the Administration and the general public.

But, there will be no stoppage of national efforts on behalf of the handicapped. There is no doubt about America's commitment to supporting programs for the handicapped. ~~As this veto st~~

Another bill -- hopefully along the lines of the Administration proposal introduced yesterday -- will receive full approval by Congress and the President."