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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole ~~announced~~ announced Senate ^{Wednesday} passage of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Dole, a cosponsor of the legislation said, "In my estimation this bill is a solid improvement, bringing together the best points from both the original bill and the bill introduced on behalf of the Administration".

This bill is designed to extend and revise the authorization of grants to states for use in providing services to the handicapped, with special emphasis on individuals with the most severe handicaps.

Included in the bill is a provision establishing an information center which had been introduced by Senator Dole. The main function of the center will be to provide a clearing house to alert handicapped persons of all the available services and programs relating to their special needs.

The bill now goes to a joint House-Senate conference where the differences between the Senate bill and the House version, passed last month, will be discussed.