



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D. C.-- The Senate Housing Subcommittee heard testimony this morning from Kansas Senator Bob Dole who spoke in support of the "Housing Opportunities for the Handicapped Bill". The bill, introduced by Dole last April would provide funds for the removal of structural barriers which prohibit the handicapped from living in private homes. The bill also provides funding for supportive services for the handicapped and in addition directs the Department of Housing and Urban Development to ensure that all future housing projects under its control are adaptable to the needs of handicapped persons.

In his testimony, Dole told the subcommittee that institutional arrangements for handicapped housing were "not the right answer to the housing needs of most handicapped people". Dole cited the housing problem as being "as critical a subject for the handicapped as any I know".

If passed by Congress, Dole's bill would authorize the expenditure of \$4.5 million over three years for handicapped housing improvements.