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DOLE SPEAKS OUT ON FORD NOMINATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In remarks prepared for delivery on the floor of the Senate this morning, Senator Bob Dole asked that the nomination of Gerald Ford to be Vice President be considered on its own merits, without reference to any controversies now surrounding the Presidency.

Noting that this is the first time the machinery of the Twenty-fifty Amendment has been put into operation since it was ratified, in 1967, the Senator said that reason and political tradition demand that there be the utmost assurance of continuation of an Administration's goals, philosophy and programs with as little interruption as possible. He added that institutional safeguards were provided to "give the greatest practical assurance that only the people's vote could change the fundamental political identity of an Administration."

Speaking of Gerald Ford's long service in the Congress, Senator Dole said, "He has always demonstrated a remarkable capacity to work with--not against--others, even when there were differences or divergent points of view.

"Gerald Ford will make an excellent Vice President who can provide the Administration with a much-needed voice for compromise, conciliation and cooperation with Congress and the American people.

"But more importantly, Jerry Ford is is fully qualified to assume the Presidency and provide the leadership and direction which America requires of that high office."

A vote on the confirmation of Gerald Ford is scheduled for 4:30 this afternoon.

