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NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE FOR REPEAL OF WINTER DAYLIGHT

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole, who found widespread opposition to Winter Daylight Savings Time among Kansans during the January Congressional recess, said today in Washington that he plans to introduce legislation on Monday to repeal it. Dole's legislation would not affect summer Daylight Savings Time but would repeal only the newly enacted law initiating advance time year-round. The new law went into effect on January 6, 1974.

Calling the recently passed year round Daylight Savings Time Law "a classic example of Congress legislating blindfolded," Senator Dole said the law's passage, which he opposed, was not supported by any hard factual evidence that it would actually save energy.

"The initial reports on the law's effects since January 6th are inconclusive in terms of energy savings. But unfortunately, its effects are tragic in terms of injuries and deaths --particularly for school children who are out in the morning darkness."

"After spending the first two weeks of Winter Daylight Savings Time in Kansas, I became convinced that its hazards, hardships and inconvenience are too great to justify its continuation. Therefore, I will introduce legislation on Monday to bring about its repeal. If I cannot get prompt consideration for the bill in committee, then I will proceed to offer it as a floor amendment at the earliest opportunity."