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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE INTRODUCES ANTI-BUSING MEASURE

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today introduced legislation to forbid forced busing of school children except as last resort to achieve desegregation of public schools.

"I believe every reasonable effort must be made to preserve the neighborhood school and protect children from the hazards and disruption of massive busing programs," Senator Dole said.

The measure introduced by Senator Dole is an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act now being considered in the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. The committee's bill is expected to be sent to the floor of the Senate later this week.

The Dole Amendment, like the provision approved by the House of Representatives on March 26, requires that alternatives to busing must be attempted and proven ineffective before any busing can take place. In addition it enables previous court cases and desegregation plans to be reopened if they are not in accord with the amendment's provisions. In no case, however, does the Dole Amendment allow a student to be bussed further than the school next closest to his home, and no busing is allowed if it constitutes a risk to a student's health or education.

"Quality education for all children, not arbitrary quotas, should be the goal of our educational programs. Massive busing can only harm the children it affects, and it diverts vital resources away from the educational goals our school systems are intended to achieve," Senator Dole said.