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SENATE APPROVES BAN ON EXPERIMENTATION WITH DOGS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Senate today approved legislation cosponsored by Senator Bob Dole that would prohibit agencies and departments of the government from using dogs for experimentation that could result in needless suffering to the dogs. The amendment, which was introduced by Senator Hubert Humphrey yesterday, is similar to a bill Dole had introduced last week.

Dole learned that the Edgewood Arsenal Research Center has advertised for 450 beagle puppies to be used in experiments with toxic materials used in chemical and biological warfare. "Those dogs that do not die during these painful experiments," Dole said, "are killed later for autopsies to study the effects of the gasses. It is obvious to me that Congress will have to take steps to halt these experiments and provide for the humane treatment of these domesticeanimals, public outcry is not enough."