



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

1092

(R.—Kans.)

New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (202) 225-6521

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

CONTACT: JANET ANDERSON

DOLE BILL WOULD EXTEND REVENUE SHARING

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"Extension of revenue sharing will give people a better opportunity to take action in holding down inflationary government spending," Senator Bob Dole said on the Senate floor today. He made the remark before introducing a bill to extend the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act, commonly known as the Revenue Sharing Act, for five years beyond its present expiration date of December 31, 1976.

Revenue sharing returns federal tax funds to state and local governments, based on an allocation formula. This return allows states and local communities to set their own priorities for the expenditure of tax dollars.

Praising the revenue sharing concept, Dole said it "helps keep our federal spending in closer touch with reality. Rather than have a gigantic organization of bureaucrats in Washington arbitrarily passing out our federal funds, this method of federal funding permits local governments to determine how funds should be spent and to decide which projects need funding and which do not."

The Kansas Senator said that an important asset of the Revenue Sharing Act has been that "it facilitates forward planning by state and local governments on the funding available to them. If we extend the Revenue Sharing Act for five years now," Dole added, "the long-range planning capabilities of state and local officials would be greatly enhanced."

Dole, who was a sponsor of the original revenue sharing measure, said the five year extension would prevent appropriations from becoming locked in at a particular level. "My bill increases the level of appropriation for revenue sharing by \$150 million for each fiscal year. At the end of five years, this level of appropriation could be modified as might be needed."