

NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE COMPROMISE DST AMENDMENT ADOPTED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C.--A proposed Daylight Saving Time change, sponsored by Senator
Bob Dole, was passed 48-45 by the Senate today. Dole said the measure -- which provides for seven months of Daylight Saving Time and five months of Standard Time -achieves "a compromise between the present law providing for six months of DST and
the bill S.2931, as reported by the Senate Commerce Committee, which provided for
eight and one fourth months of DST." Provisions of the Dole measure call for Daylight
Saving Time to begin the second Sunday in March and end the second Sunday in October.

Dole said the Committee's proposed eight months and one week of DST per year would be too radical a change and that it would "cause severe handship for several segments of the population during certain periods of the year." The Kansas Senator listed farmers, construction workers and companies, daytime radio broadcasters and parents with school children among those groups that would be negatively affected by a longer period of Daylight Saving Time.

The Daylight Saving Time measure is now awaiting action by the House of Representatives. Final action is not expected to be complete in time to affect the beginning of Daylight Saving Time this year.