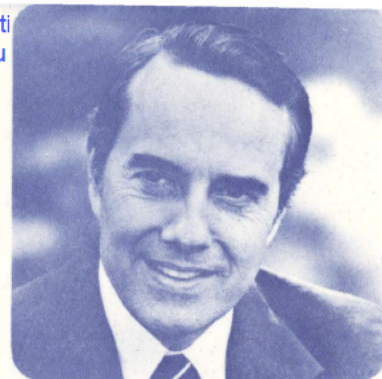


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SENATOR DOLE SAYS KEITH SEBELIUS WILL BE MISSED IN THE CONGRESS

WASHINGTON-- "Keith Sebelius has been a good Congressman-- good for Kansas and good for this nation. I consider him a friend, as well as a colleague, and will miss his presence as a member of the Kansas delegation greatly," Senator Bob Dole said today in reaction to the news that the First District Congressman will retire at the end of his current term.

"As the second ranking Republican member of the House Agriculture Committee and ranking member of the Livestock and Grains Subcommittee, Keith Sebelius fought for his constituents in Kansas. It is always sad to see the Congress lose such an effective, articulate member. On the other hand, I wish Congressman Sebelius all the best in whatever endeavor he now chooses to pursue-- after 12 years of outstanding service, he has certainly earned ^{the} right to seek new ways to express his talents," said Dole. "My best go to him and his family," he added.

"Congressman Sebelius won my seat when I moved on to the Senate in 1968," Dole noted. "He represented the people of the 'Big First' with energy, compassion and understanding. I have been proud, as a resident of Russell, Kansas, to have had him as my Congressman."