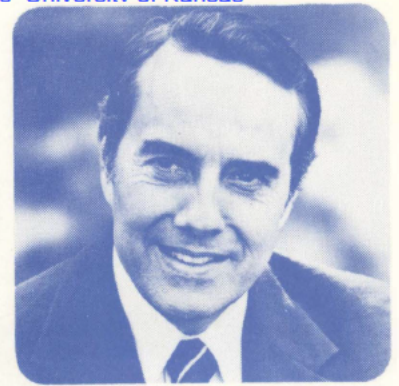


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## DOLE SUPPORTS REVENUE SHARING RENEWAL

WASHINGTON -- "Last week the Finance Committee voted to report legislation to renew the General Revenue Sharing program for five years. This is a major victory for the advocates of no-strings federal aid to state and local governments," said Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas).

"The Committee made some important decisions that I was pleased to support. The members agreed that the program will remain as an entitlement for a period of five years, with respect to units of local government. This means that revenue sharing funds--the most flexible and efficient form of federal aid--will be guaranteed to localities for the next five years. Local governments can then plan their finances with some certainty year-to year," Dole said.

## RESTORED TO THE STATES

"I am also glad to report that the Committee acted to restore the states to the revenue sharing program, against the recommendation of the Carter Administration. Under the Finance Committee bill, revenue sharing funds for the states are authorized beginning in 1982. This is a sound decision, and reflects the Committee's awareness of the important role the states play in the federal system. Unfortunately, this leaves the states out of the revenue sharing program in 1981. Nevertheless, the provision for a state allotment of revenue sharing funds vindicates the defenders of the states' share," Dole said.

## NEXT STEP

"The next step will be to restore the original concept of revenue sharing as a program to convert a wide array of federal aid programs into a unified, administratively efficient system of fiscal assistance to state and local governments. With over 500 grant programs for state and local governments on the books, there is much work to be done in this area. Some progress has been made towards grant consolidation in the Senate Governmental Operations Committee. The Finance Committee took a step in the right direction by requesting the Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations to conduct a one-year study of the Dole proposal to allow states to trade off grant funds for revenue sharing on a dollar-for-dollar basis," Dole said. This would keep the states in the program on an entitlement basis, while advancing the goal of budget restraint and consolidation of overlapping programs. I look forward to working with Advisory Commission and this project, and I believe that valuable progress will be made toward making our federal system more responsive to both local and national needs," Dole concluded.