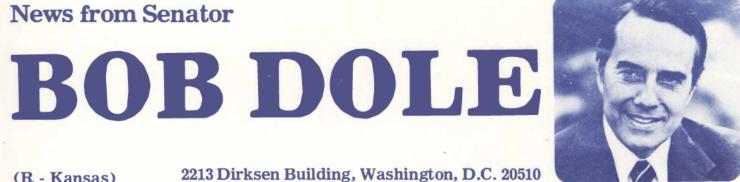
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CONGRESS SHOULD REMAIN IN SESSION UNTIL IMPLICATIONS OF IRAN-IRAO CONFLICT ARE FULLY ASSESSED

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today urged Congress to remain n session "until the full implications of the Iran-Iraq conflict can be eighed in terms of U.S. interest and international security."

"The battle presently being waged over access to the Persian Gulf is a ocal war at the moment, but we are not sure where it will lead," Dole said.

Emerging from a high-level briefing for members of Congress by National ecurity Adviser Zbigniew Brezezinski and Deputy Secretary of State Christopher, ole urged the Congress to delay next week's recess until "the intentions f the belligerents become clearer and the ramifications on the rest of the orld can be assessed."

"Apparently neither Iran nor Iraq expected this conflict to escalate o quickly," Dole said, "and neither is quite sure when it will end. So ar we have not been able to determine if Iraq plans to follow up its nitial successes with a deeper penetration into Iran. This teacup tempest ould blow up in our faces, seriously affecting long-term world oil supplies, ndermining the stability of other Arab oil states in the region, and perhaps ven drawing the superpowers into confrontation.

"It seems to me that it would be better for Congress to be on hand ntil the danger is passed. While we're at it, we could finish up our egislative agenda and perhaps pass out tax cut bill."

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