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## DOLE HAILS HOUSE VOTE ON VOTING RIGHTS EXTENSION

WASHINGTON -- Senator Robert Dole ( R.-Kan. ) today called the House passage of the 25 year extension of the Voting Rights Act a "major step in America's long struggle for civil rights."

"I welcome the House approval of the Senate amendments," said Dole. "This action is especially significant in that the House approved the measure by unanimous consent."

As a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Dole played a major role in shaping a compromise voting rights amendment that resulted in overwhelming passage in the Senate last week.

"Today's House vote, along with the Senate action, makes it clear that Congress is dedicated to the basic rights guaranteed to every American under the Constitution," said Dole. "I hope the President will act quickly in signing this historic legislation into law."