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DOLE DISAPPOINTED BY GROVE CITY RULING -- WILL CONSIDER LEGISLATION TO EXPAND SCOPE OF KEY ANTI-SEX BIAS LAW

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole said that he was "extremely disappointed" by today's Supreme Court ruling in the case of Grove City v. Bell, which restricts the scope of federal law prohibiting sex discrimination by educational institutions receiving federal aid. The Court held that the anti-sex bias law applies only to those specific programs operated by a school which are directly receiving federal funds, instead of the entire educational institution.

"I believe the Court didn't fully understand the intent of Congress when the law was passed in 1972. Now, however, absent Congressional action, educational institutions will now be able to reap the benefits of federal aid for one program but be free to discriminate in other areas," said Dole.

Dole expressed the concern that the case possibly could open the door for federal funding of institutions which discriminate on the basis of race and handicap, so long as the specific programs affected by the federal monies are operated in a nondiscriminatory manner. The federal statutes which prohibit race and handicap discrimination by recipients of federal funds contain language virtually identical to that contained in the statute affected by today's decision.

Dole said that he was in the process of considering legislation which would permit an entire educational institution to be subject to Title IX and indicated that he expected civil rights groups would launch an intensive lobbying campaign to pass legislation overturning the effect of today's ruling.

Senator Dole is Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and has been an active proponent of civil rights protections for minorities, women, and the disabled.

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