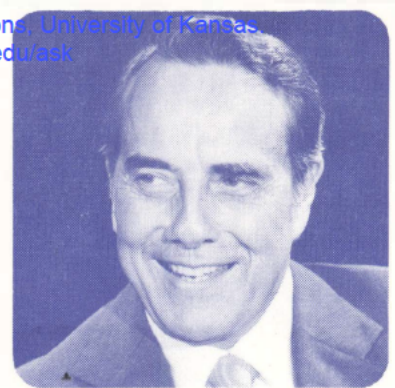


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DOLE HAILS PASSAGE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ACT

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole hailed the unanimous approval late Wednesday evening of a bill that will dramatically improve enforcement of child support payments due more than 4 million American children and their mothers who currently do not receive legally owed support. The bill, co-sponsored by Dole, cleared the full Senate without objection. The bill will devote an additional \$150 million in federal funds to the program.

"The Senate's action today is a clear signal to the nation's divorced fathers that they should not attempt to dodge their financial obligations to their children," Senator Dole said. "The Senate's commitment of an additional \$150 million to this worthwhile and necessary program over the next five years is indicative of the high priority placed on collecting the support that is owed to children."

The bill provides tools for the states to increase collections, including mandatory withholding from wages of past-due child support; the interception of state and federal income tax refunds which are then offset for amounts of past-due support; and the placement of liens against property when support is delinquent.

"State programs must be reformed to do a better job of collecting support due the nation's children and to reduce administrative overhead," Dole said. "The Reagan Administration and, as demonstrated by today's vote, the Senate believe the program can and should do a better job on behalf of those children."