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Congressman Bob Dole, in his regular newsletter to constituents stated he felt action by the House in passing the so-called "Arms Control Act", on September 19, was inconsistent with the President's action on that same day in calling up 73,000 reservists which included the 110th Ordnance Battalion, Norton; the 170th Ordnance Company, Mankato, National Guard units; and the 388th Medical Depot Communications Company, a reserve unit from Hays.

Dole stated to his constituents, "Though highly desirable this legislation conflicts with the President's announcement to spend additional billions for defense, between \$20 and \$40 billion for a moon project and, recalling thousands and thousands of reservists to active duty, and when Russia sets off almost daily, some type nuclear device, when the United Nations' very life has been threatened by the death of Dag Hammarskjold, and when United Nations troops have been busily attempting to conquer the "pro western" nation of Katanga. It is popular to advocate Peace. We are all for Peace, and disarmament, and must continue to be, but neither Peace nor Disarmament can be achieved by good intentions or by creating a new, larger and more costly agency. Effective arms control or disarmament must be based on a mutilateral and not a unilateral basis that would find this country in a weakened position as it was prior to World War II. We have participated in 70 international discussions since World War II dealing with peace and it appears from the hearings the present U.S. Disarmament Administration has been doing a good job at a cost of \$1 million per year, whereas cost under the new agency will be around \$10 million annually. The fact the new measure provides for 250, instead of the present 80 employees, does not insure anything I know of, except more bureaucracy."

Dole said proponents in the House sought to avoid any indication a disarmament agency was being created and that the word disarmament would mean "elimination" of armaments. "The fallacy of these arguments is clear", Dole stated, "because the bill, as finally agreed upon, (since writing my newsletter) is titled 'Arms Control and Disarmament Act' and in addition the word disarmament is clearly defined in the bill to mean "elimination" of all arms under an international agreement."

"We have a constitutional duty to provide for the common defense and talk about disarmament, in its true sense, at this time will be interpreted as a sign of weakness throughout the free world," Dole concluded.