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Congressman Bob Dole announced today the Sixth District Academy Screening Board yesterday personally interviewed 39 applicants and considered the applications of an additional 16 boys who were unable to be present. The interviews were held in Hays and it took nearly 13 hours for the Board to complete the interviews and make recommendations to Congressman Dole. The Board members commented that the applicants *were outstanding* and the choices were not easy to make.

There are seven principal appointments for the '63 year; three to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, three to the Naval Academy at Annapolis and one to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. In addition there can be nine alternates named to the Military Academy, 15 to the Naval Academy and five to the Air Force Academy. Congressman Dole is also authorized to make nominations of ten young men to take a Merchant Marine competitive exam.

Congressman Dole stated "principals and alternates for two of the West Point vacancies will be announced December 31st. Announcement of the other nominees will be made after consultation with Senators Carlson and Pearson to ensure that all vacancies can be filled with the most qualified young men."

The Screening Board members were: Forrest Stamper of Plainville, Mrs. A. M. Shatzell of Hoxie, George Adams of WaKeeney, Richard Burnett of Hays, Leo Paulsen of Concordia, Dwight Payton of Ellsworth, George Meeker of Phillipsburg, Representative Robert Cram of St. Francis and Paul Ward of Hays. Military advisors were also available to render technical assistance. They were: Major Lester Ruegsegger, U.S. Air Force, Salina; Lt. Col. Gerald Schnelker, U.S. Army, Hays; Lt. Commander Al Shiner, U.S. Navy, Hutchinson and Navy Recruiting Officer E. M. Thomas, Plainville.

Dole stated, "This is the second year we have experimented with the Screening Board method and I am convinced this is the best and most objective way to select candidates. The applicants seemed to share this view."