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DOLE INCENTIVE TO HIRE THE DISABLED ADOPTED

An amendment sponsored by Senator Bob Dole, Alan Cranston and Paul Laxalt to give a tax credit for hiring the handicapped was adopted by the Senate today.

Dole called the amendment a "signal to the handicapped of America that Congress is determined to end the economic second class citizenship of handicapped Americans."

The provision allows employers a 10% tax credit of up to \$2,225 in 1977 and \$3,600 in 1978, for each handicapped individual they hire who was referred by a state vocational rehabilitation plan. The tax credit would also apply to disabled veterans, Vietnam-era veterans under the age of 27, and individuals who have been unemployed 15 weeks or longer.

"Most of the handicapped of America are ready and willing to work," Dole said, "and this tax incentive will help overcome attitudes among some employers against hiring the handicapped."