

NINETY-EIGHT COSPONSORS JOIN DOLE TO HONOR HUBERT HUMPRHEY

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole today requested that the names of 94 additional cosponsors be added to his bill to name a new Health, Education and Welfare building in honor of Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. Four other Senators were listed as original cosponsors when Dole introduced the bill on Monday, October 4.

Following is the text of Senator Dole's statement to the Senate today:

Mr. President, I am requesting that an additional 94 Senators be added to S.2169, a bill to name the new South Portal building of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in honor of our distinguished colleague from Minnesota, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey. That brings the number of cosponsors on this bill to a total of 99 Senators, including myself.

It is my understanding that the Committee on Environment and Public Works has acted promptly today to order this bill reported to the Senate for consideration. It appears that the report will be filed Monday and hopefully the bill can be passed then or on the following day, Tuesday.

This prompt and overwhelming action could not have been accomplished without the full support of the distinguished Minnesota colleague of Senator Humphrey, Senator Anderson. Also, this bill would not be possible without the cosponsorship and the prompt action of Senator Randolph and Senator Stafford, Chairman and ranking Republican respectively of the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

In addition, Congressman Quie and the Minnesota delegation have introduced a companion measure in the House of Representatives. It is my understanding that if the Senate passes S.2169 on Monday or Tuesday, the bill will be held at the desk when it is received in the House of Representatives and passed on Tuesday after the House convenes.

The unanimous cosponsorship of this bill is a great tribute to the character and the acheiver ts of Hubert H. Humphrey. Much has been said about that already and will be said later.

But I would like to say that this is a bipartisan salute to a great man who has long believed and acted in a bipartisan spirit. It is a reminder that although we may disagree on specific issues, we can still work together in a bipartisan manner to hammer out solutions to the problems of our nation -- solutions that will hopefully be in the best interests of the American public as a whole. I have worked with Senator Humphrey on many issues including food stamps, child nutrition, and farm legislation, and I know that he stands for bipartisan cooperation. I am pleased with the positive reaction of both parties to this salute and look forward to future efforts in that spirit, of which Senator Humphrey will be a part.

This is an overwhelming tribute to a great leader and individual. To quote from a recent <u>Wichita Eagle</u> editorial, "Such admiration and affection cannot be restricted by party lines."

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