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DOLE SAYS PRESIDENT SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR BUNNY BASHING INCIDENT

WASHINGTON-- Senator Bob Dole, the Senate's foremost authority on rabbit rights, today called on President Carter to apologize for bashing a Georgia bunny in the head with a paddle.

Dole, who has sponsored legislation outlawing the coursing of live rabbits by greyhounds, and was the sponsor of a rabbit inspection bill that was vetoed by President Carter in 1978, said he believes the President needs to become more sensitive to the habits of wild animals.

"I'm sure the rabbit intended the President no harm. In fact, the poor thing ^{was} simply doing something a little unusual these days-- trying to get aboard the President's boat. Everyone else seems to be jumping ship."

Dole said he feels the President's behavior "may be attributed to having had a bad experience with the Easter bunny as a child. Of course," added Dole, "this isn't the first time President Carter has gotten into trouble with bunnies. It seems to me he had a problem back in the fall of 1976, as well."