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## DOLE AMENDMENT REQUIRES "TRUTH IN SOLICITATION"

Washington -- Senator Robert Dole (R-Kansas) has successfully offered an amendment to S. 1722, the Criminal Code Reform Act, which would make it a felony for any organization to solicit money or property in any airport, bus terminal or train station unless he/she discloses the true name and identity of the organization on which behalf he/she is soliciting.

Senator Dole said that while his amendment is not aimed at any particular group/organization, it is intended to curtail the widespread fraudulent practice of soliciting money and related activities, while not admitting their true identity.

One area this amendment addresses is the increasing problems associated with so-called "cults" recruiting under an alias or without identification. The Dole amendment would simply require honesty in recruitment and solicitation.

### Little Opposition

Senator Dole offered his amendment in the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Ted Kennedy (D-Massachusetts). Dole said there was little or no opposition to his amendment.

Senator Dole's interest and concern in this issue began in 1976 when he was presented a petition, signed by over 14,000 Kansans, calling for assistance in resolving their problems involving their sons and daughters and so-called "cults."

"This action is designed to simply allow an individual to make a decision of his or her involvement/contribution to a soliciting group or organization, based on true and complete facts offered by the group or organization."