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DOLE AGREES WITH CHIEF JUSTICE, WILL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.), Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Courts, today endorsed Chief Justice Warren Burger's call for the creation of a special appeals court, which would help the Supreme Court deal with its burgeoning caseload. Dole said that he would chair hearings on the proposal later this month. Burger's comments were made before the mid-year convention of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates.

"I agree with the Chief Justice that the need is there," Dole said. "The Supreme Court docket has been inundated during the past few years, and a special panel -- which would hear cases assigned to it by the high court -- would help substantially in reducing the burden on the justices."

Dole announced he would introduce legislation on February 14 creating the new appeals court comprised of a panel of judges from each of the circuit courts.