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DOLE NOMINATES DANFORTH, WILSON TO DRUG FREE AMERICA CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON -- SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE (R-KS.) TODAY NOMINATED SENATORS JOHN DANFORTH (R-MO.) AND PETE WILSON (R-CALIF.) TO THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR A DRUG FREE AMERICA. PRESIDENT REAGAN MUST APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

The Conference was created by the "Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986." It's purpose is to: share information with state and local governments in order to combat drug abuse; raise public awareness through education about drug abuse and treatment; formulate a national strategy to prevent the sale and solicitation of illegal drugs; and examine the role of parents and family members in preventing and treating drug abuse.

Dole said Senators Danforth and Wilson, "Would bring real sensitivity, and extensive knowledge about drug abuse to the Conference. Drugs remain one of the most serious threats to this nation's youth, Dole added. And with capable members like Jack Danforth and Pete Wilson, the conference should provide an effective forum for coming up with ways to combat the problem."

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