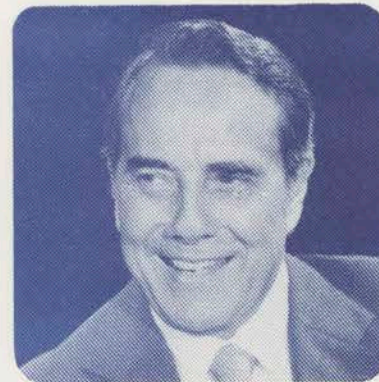


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DOLE RESOLUTION TO REDUCE DESERT STORM PHONE RATES
PASSES SENATE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON - A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE PHONE RATES FOR DESERT STORM TROOPS AND FAMILIES PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TODAY IN THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE. THE DOLE INITIATIVE, S.J.R. 77, INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 1991, SEEKS TO REDUCE SURCHARGES THAT HAVE EFFECTIVELY DOUBLED THE COST OF CALLS BETWEEN SERVICE PERSONNEL IN THE GULF AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, IT ASKS FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATORS TO PROVIDE WAYS TO PREVENT CUTOFFS OF PHONE SERVICES TO MILITARY FAMILIES UNABLE TO PAY THEIR BILLS.

"Those who bore the heaviest load and made the greatest sacrifice - our service personnel and their families - should not be burdened with these surcharges," said Dole. "While it's encouraging that two American long distance companies, AT&T and MCI, have recently reduced their charges, the remaining issue of Saudi Arabia's surcharge still needs to be addressed."

"I look forward to fast action by the entire Senate on this effort to help relieve our brave service people and their families of this unnecessary hardship," added Dole.

The measure now moves to the full Senate for action.

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