

*Bob Dole*



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## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS REFORM**

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senate today passed by a vote of 77-8 a bipartisan leadership amendment on telecommunications including Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's sweeping deregulatory reforms:

"It's high time that the Senate take the steps to get the government off the back of the telecommunications industry. The Dole amendment passed today contains sweeping reforms that touch most sectors of the communications industry. I am glad to see that many of the "pro-regulators" are finally opening their eyes to a competitive way of thinking.

"By placing choice in the hands of consumers, the Dole amendment makes the point that competition, not regulation, provides the greatest level of consumer protection. Competition has the best record for creating new jobs and spurring new innovation. This legislation helps to prove that telecommunications reform will be the real jobs stimulus package."

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