

Ashland-Rep. Bob Dole said here Tuesday evening that the Democrats have played "dog in the manger" in depriving 17,226,000 people on Social Security of badly-needed increases in benefits. The benefits bill passed the House, but was scuttled by the Democrats in the final days of the Congressional session.

The Republican Congressman said the increased benefits, which he supported, were needed to overcome the loss in purchasing power which heavy, Democrat-inspired Federal spending has created during the past four years.

He said the increases of \$7 a month to partially meet the increase cost of living expenses were callously discarded by the Democrats when it became apparent that their mis-named "medicare" proposal would not pass the Congress. "I don't see how any Democrat candidate can appeal for the votes of these people when they have just turned their backs on them in a cold-hearted way," Dole declared.

Dole pointed out that in addition to the \$7 monthly loss, senior citizens will lose the opportunity to increase part-time employment without losing Social Security benefits, also a provision of the bill which the Democrats discarded. Another provision would have extended benefits to those attending school up to the age of 22 instead of the present 18. Widows would have been eligible for benefits at age 60 instead of 62. Farmers would have been allowed more gross income on which to make payments.

The Republican Congress^{man} said this "package" was carefully worked out, and would have been of real worth to those on Social Security. He termed its rejection by Democrats a "cruel and callous thing" and blasted Democrats for what he called their "dog in the Manger" attitude toward Social Security. He said they cancelled the benefits because they couldn't get compulsory medical care tied onto the system.

He said the 88th Congress wrote a "shameful finale" when it junked the bill. He termed the action a "sellout to socialized medicine" and said this attitude clearly indicated the need for more Republicans in the House this Fall.