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CONGRESSMAN BOB DOLE, (R-Kansas), last night told members of the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce in Washington to attend a chamber sponsored Kansas Congressional Dinner; the most important unfinished business before Congress is Legislative Reapportionment.

Dole outlined a resolution introduced by himself and numerous other Congressmen which would allow Kansas and other states with bicameral legislatures to apportion membership in one body based on factors other than population. The bill also provides that qualified voters in the state must approve the plan of apportionment adopted by the Legislature, before it would become effective.

Dole stated this provision would provide every possible safeguard and would preserve to the majority in every state the right to determine how their state legislature would be constituted. The provision requiring the apportionment plan to be submitted to the people leaves the opponents, who are now delaying action in Congress, really little to quarrel about. While they use the "one man---one vote" slogan, what many of the opponents really contend is that the voters, regardless of where they live--whether in the city or in the country, are not capable of determining the proper make-up of their state legislatures.

Dole stated that the issue of Reapportionment is not a partisan one and that many Republican and Democrat members of Congress are working diligently to obtain Congressional approval of a Constitutional Amendment. Dole added, "While there continues to be a strong bi-partisan effort, it should be noted President Johnson has failed to voice his support for any of the numerous measures now pending. Despite the silence maintained by the President and other top Administration leaders, the chances of favorable Congressional action within the next 60 days are better than ever."