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Congressman Bob Dole indicated today that a bipartisan committee in the House composed of Republican Congressmen Baldwin of California, King of New York, and Dole, and Democrat Congressmen Johnson of California, Ichord from Missouri, Patman of Texas, and Fuqua from Florida, will press for a vote in the House on the vital issue of legislative reapportionment.

Dole stated, "The setback in the Senate last week was serious but not a fatal one, and there is still a glimmer of hope that Congress will approve a Constitutional amendment which, if ratified by 3/4 of the states, would permit states to apportion one house of a bicameral legislature considering factors other than population.

"The Dirksen Amendment was defeated in the Senate because the U. S. Constitution requires that, before a constitutional amendment may be submitted to the states for ratification, it must be ratified by a 2/3 vote in both the U. S. Senate and the U. S. House of Representatives. A clear majority, 57 of 100 Senators, voted for the Dirksen Amendment, but this was short of the 2/3 majority required by the Constitution. Thus, the will of a majority in the Senate was frustrated by the so-called "liberals" composed of many "bleeding heart" Senators who daily beat the drum for the rights of minorities. As a matter of fact, the so-called "liberal" group are captives of the coalition of labor leaders, civil rights leaders, and big city political bosses who are willing to crush the rights of Rural America as long as such action appears to be politically expedient."

Congressman Dole concluded: "It seems obvious to me that all Americans should know where each member of the House of Representatives stands on this most vital issue. I am, therefore, hopeful that a vote on this issue will occur before Congress adjourns this year. Many of us have stated on numerous occasions that there is no room in the Great Society for Rural America, and certainly the irresponsible action of the 39 Senators who voted against the Dirksen Amendment last Wednesday proves this contention."