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Remarks of Mr. Dole to be inserted in body of
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on H.R. 168.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Teague) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. Adair) for their promptness in bringing H.R. 168 to the floor for our action on Senate amendments thereto which were adopted in that body only last Friday. This prompt action offers tangible evidence that the gentlemen share my firm conviction that this bill authorizes a well deserved and long overdue increase in the monthly rates of compensation payable to the nation's service connected disabled veterans. No segment of our population is more deserving of favorable consideration than are these warriors who shed their blood or sacrificed their health in protecting the security of this nation. Members of this body as well as the other body have repeatedly stressed the fact that the nation's war disabled veterans warrant our highest priority consideration. Despite this well meaning philosophy, the Congress has been required to vote upon social reforms, welfare programs and increased benefits for various segments of our population. I think it is time, Mr. Speaker, that we show our high regard for the nation's disabled veterans and their dependents. The bill before us today does just that. I am hopeful that the Senate will assign the highest priority to this measure and send the bill to the White House without further delay.