

BOB DOLE
DISTRICT, KANSAS

HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
AREA CODE 202
225-2715

COMMITTEES:
AGRICULTURE
MINMENT OPERATIONS

STRICT OFFICE:
FEDERAL BUILDING
INSON, KANSAS 67501

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

COUNTIES:		
BARBER	HODGEMAN	RAWLINS
BARTON	JEWELL	RENO
CHEYENNE	KEARNY	REPUBLIC
CLARK	KINGMAN	RICE
CLOUD	KIOWA	ROOKS
COMANCHE	LANE	RUSH
DECATUR	LINCOLN	RUSSELL
EDWARDS	LOGAN	SALINE
ELLIS	MEADE	SCOTT
ELLSWORTH	MITCHELL	SEWARD
FINNEY	MORTON	SHERIDAN
FORD	NESS	SHERMAN
GOVE	NORTON	SMITH
GRAHAM	OSBORNE	STAFFORD
GRANT	OTTAWA	STANTON
GRAY	PAWNEE	STEVENS
GREELEY	PHILLIPS	THOMAS
HAMILTON	PRATT	TREGO
HARPER		WALLACE
HASKEL		WICHITA

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) stated today that returns on the First District "Opinion Poll" have now been tabulated. It is significant to note that some 15,000 persons participated in the "Opinion Poll".

As the questionnaires were returned, they were tabulated on a county-by-county basis and then scored for the District percentages.

Western Kansans feel very strongly as indicated on the attached sheet that: (1) "anti-poverty funds should not be increased; (2) one House of a State Legislature should be apportioned considering factors other than population; (3) Section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley Act should not be repealed; (4) the House Committee on Un-American Activities should not be abolished; (5) unemployment compensation programs should not be centralized and federalized.

Dole said, "It is quite interesting to note that Western Kansas residents are almost evenly divided on four-year terms for members of the House of Representatives. Perhaps the greatest surprise throughout the tabulation process was the great number -- over 80 percent -- who feel that America's prestige in the world has declined since 1960. An extremely high percentage feel strongly against protest demonstrations with reference to our policy in Viet Nam; and, in addition, over 90 percent feel that they have not been helped by the passage of any "Great Society" program.

A great number of the participants made additional comments, and almost without exception mentioned the crisis in Viet Nam. Many others commented on the increasing powers of the federal government.

Returns of each county have been sent to the press media in the respective counties. "Anyone desiring a copy of the results in his particular county should write Congressman Dole at 243 Cannon House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.," said Dole.

Attached hereto is a breakdown of the results of the entire District.

Do You Favor ---

Y-Yes

N-No

U-Undecided

(Questions are paraphrased)

Figures given in percentages.

		%
1. creation of a Cabinet-level Department of Transportation?	Y	20
	N	72
	U	8
2. 4-year terms for members of the House of Representatives?	Y	47
	N	50
	U	3
3. repeal of Section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley Act, abolishing so-called "right-to-work" laws?	Y	12
	N	86
	U	2
4. legislation which would increase the Federal Government's authority to prohibit racial discrimination in the sale or rental of housing?	Y	15
	N	83
	U	2
5. abolishing the House Committee on Un-American Activities?	Y	11
	N	84
	U	5
6. increasing trade with Communist Russia and other eastern European Communist countries?	Y	33
	N	62
	U	5
7. increased appropriations for the President's "anti-poverty" program?	Y	6
	N	93
	U	1
8. a Constitutional amendment to give states the right to apportion one house of their legislature considering factors other than population?	Y	82
	N	15
	U	3
9. additional tax credits or deductions for parents of college students?	Y	67
	N	31
	U	2
10. increasing federal control of the Unemployment Compensation program, increasing duration of benefits and the amount of payments as well as employer contributions?	Y	7
	N	91
	U	2
11. Do you approve of teach-ins, sit-ins, and other demonstrations against our Viet Nam policy?	Y	7
	N	90
	U	3
12. Do you approve of Secretary McNamara's actions with reference to the war in Viet Nam?	Y	29
	N	58
	U	13
13. Have you been helped by the passage of any "Great Society" program?	Y	5
	N	93
	U	2
14. Would you support the so-called "Human Investment Act" providing a tax credit for part of the expense of on-the-job training to improve skills (Dole Bill)?	Y	75
	N	20
	U	5
15. Do you believe that America's prestige in the world has improved in the last 5 years?	Y	13
	N	84
	U	3