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DOLE CALLS FOR ANTI-FLAG DESECRATION LAW

Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans) has reintroduced an anti-flag desecration bill which would make it a Federal offense to deliberately destroy or deface an American flag in public. The bill, H. R. 9111, is identical to one Congressman Dole introduced in the 89th Congress and provides a penalty of a year in prison and a fine of \$1,000 for "whoever publicly willfully mutilates, burns, defaces, defiles, improperly destroys, tramples upon or casts contempt by word or act, upon any flag, standard, colors, or ensign of the United States."

"Public acts of flag desecration are increasing, and the lack of a uniform Federal law against such displays is allowing offenders to go unprosecuted in many instances," Dole commented.

"It is indeed sad that a bill is needed to protect our flag," Dole remarked. "Yet when 500,000 young Americans on the other side of the world are defending our country and flag, Congress should pass a law to inhibit the disrespectful acts of the minority here at home who attempt to dishonor our flag."