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GOODLAND, KANS., Jan. 15 -- Congressman Bob Dole, Republican candidate for the Senate seat being vacated by U. S. Senator Frank Carlson, tonight said America "must adopt a hard line toward the lawless."

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Goodland Chamber of Commerce here, Dole added, "It is time to do away with the belief that society has failed the lawless, and consider that perhaps they have failed society."

Noting that often the criminal is favored at the expense of the law-abiding citizen, Dole said, "The cries of innocent victims are drowned by the clamor for mercy and leniency for guilty lawbreakers who scoff at law and order and the rights of society."

Urging public support for law enforcement, Dole said, "There must be public condemnation, rather than tolerance and excuse, of those who take the law into their own hands. There must be respect for those who obey the law and for law enforcement officials."

The Kansas Congressman has represented the First District for seven years.